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COVID-19

CQC publishes data on deaths of people with a learning disability Supported by ONS, the CQC have completed a targeted piece of analysis to better understand the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) on people with a learning disability, some of whom may also be autistic, and how the number of deaths during this period compares to the number of deaths last year. This data shows that between 10 April and 15 May this year, 386 people with a learning disability, some of whom may also be autistic, died who were receiving care from services which provide support for people with a learning disability and/or autism.. This is a 134% increase in the number of death notifications compared to the same period last year.

Learning and taking action during Covid 19 In Kent the Council and NHS have quickly looked at what happened when people with learning disabilities died from Covid-19 from March to May this year, and offered recommendations including the need for people in supported living and care homes to have their oxygen saturation levels tested as regularly as their temperature and advice for supporting families and carers

Coronavirus has left young people in detention facilities highly vulnerable to Human Rights abuses The Joint Committee on Human Rights have published their report, "Human Rights and the Government's response to COVID-19: the detention of young people who are autistic and/or have learning disabilities", which finds that the coronavirus crisis has resulted in young people's rights being put at risk through unlawful blanket bans on visits, the suspension of routine inspections, increased use of restraint and solitary confinement, and the vulnerability of those in detention to infection with Covid-19.

<u>Study</u>

Challenges and Successes in Raising a Child With Type 1 Diabetes and Autism Spectrum Disorder: Mixed Methods Study Caregivers of children with both type 1 diabetes and ASD face unique challenges, distinct from those faced by caregivers of individuals who have either disorder alone. This paper highlights that understanding these challenges may help health care providers in caring for this unique population. Referral to the diabetes online community may be a potential resource to supplement the care received by the medical community.

Guidance

<u>DNR: A guide for understanding your rights and challenging decisions</u> This document from Learning Disability England offers an easy read guide to explain 'Do Not Attempt Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation' orders.



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News

'We're here to protect and empower people with the odds stacked against them. Over video, it's hard' An adults' learning disabilities social worker, a child exploitation specialist and a children with disabilities team manager share their perspectives on social work during the pandemic.

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