

# Learning Disabilities

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## COVID-19

[Considerations for people from minority groups in the Covid-19 pandemic](#) This resource paper from the British Psychological Society aims to help professionals working with people from minority groups who are particularly at risk from Covid-19. It aims to better equip employers, colleagues, peers, and the general public to understand some of the unique challenges of Covid-19 faced.

## Making our voices heard – the experiences of disabled people and COVID-19

The University of Glasgow and The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine are conducting research about how the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the lives of disabled people in England and Scotland. They would like to speak to people with learning/intellectual disabilities as part of this work to ensure these voices are also heard.

## Valuing People Alliance Survey to inform recovery priorities

The Valuing People Alliance (Bild, LDE, & NDTi) are conducting a survey on behalf of the Health and Wellbeing Alliance. The survey is for people with a learning disability and/or autistic people and all those that support them (including families, carers and professionals). The survey is to find out what is important to people as we start to get back to normal from Coronavirus and lockdown.

## Report

[2019 LeDeR Report Published](#) The LeDeR programme (learning from deaths review programme) was established to review all deaths of people with learning disabilities, so that we can learn more about why people with learning disabilities are dying 25-30 years earlier than the general population. [The latest report \(2019\)](#) reinforces previous findings and recommendations from previous years, highlighting inequalities for people with learning disabilities.

## Statistics

[Learning Disability Services Monthly Statistics](#) NHS Digital have published the latest statistics on Learning Disabilities and Autism (LDA) from the Assuring Transformation collection and Mental Health Services Data Set (MHSDS).

## Guidance

[Launch of new Helping People Thrive booklet](#) Helping People Thrive is a new practical guide looking at how to transform the lives of people with a learning disability and/or autistic people who have been detained in hospital or in long term segregation for too long.

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## **News**

[New NHS 'Exemplars' to help close inequality gap for people with a learning disability](#) The NHS has called on local NHS organisations across the country to become learning disability 'Exemplars' to help drive forward improvements in care putting the health of people with a learning disability firmly on the agenda. The call comes as the [fourth annual learning disability review](#) and [action report](#) are published.

[£62 million to help discharge people with learning disabilities or autism into the community](#) People with learning disabilities or autism who could be better supported in their community will have their discharges from hospital accelerated.

## **Studies**

[Eye 'jumps' in autistic people may be especially fleeting](#) Autistic people tend to have trouble shifting their gaze to take in all the details of a scene, according to a new [study](#).

[Sensory networks overconnected early in autism](#) Toddlers with autism have unusually strong connections between sensory areas of the brain, according to a new study.