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Covid-19

[COVID-19 impact on people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families and professionals supporting them](#) This post provides a summary of the evidence exploring the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on people with intellectual disabilities, their families and the mental health professionals supporting them.

[Life for people with learning disabilities through the pandemic – Wave 2 findings](#) The findings from the second set of interviews of the Coronavirus and People with Learning Disabilities research project have been published.

[Overview of adult social care guidance on coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) Update (23 June) to guidance in line with recent advice for outbreaks in care homes that contain cases of the Delta variant.

[Research into coronavirus and people with learning disabilities](#) This research about COVID-19 and people with learning disabilities involved nearly 600 people with learning disabilities and 300 family/carers.

Studies

[Neurodevelopmental conditions and mental health research: it's time to #EmbraceComplexity!](#) Summary of a review exploring psychological treatment of depression in young people with neurodevelopmental conditions, which finds very limited evidence to help neurodiverse individuals.

[Study offers new insights into how autistic adults camouflage behaviours](#) The research investigated camouflaging behaviours used by autistic adults in everyday social interactions.

Statistics

[Number of autistic people in mental health hospitals: latest data](#) The latest monthly [Assuring Transformation NHS Digital data](#) shows that in May 2021:

- In total 2,055 autistic people and people with learning disabilities are still in inpatient mental health hospitals.
- 1,165 (57%) of these people are autistic.

Report

[Government must take urgent action to protect disabled children](#) The Equality and Human Rights Commission has published 'Restraint in schools' following an inquiry about recording and monitoring the use of restraint in schools in England and Wales.

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Guidance

[Liberty Protection Safeguards Implementation Support](#) Information about implementation support that is being provided ahead of the implementation of the Liberty Protection Safeguards.

News

[Polypharmacy, shifting prescriptions common for autism comorbidities](#) People with autism frequently switch medications to treat common co-occurring conditions, such as anxiety and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), according to a new study.