

Report

[2021 LeDeR report into the avoidable deaths of people with learning disabilities](#)

The 2021 LeDeR report, which seeks to investigate and learn from the avoidable deaths of people with a learning disability in England, was published today.

[Evaluation of the Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training Trial in Learning Disability and Autism - Final Report](#)

The National Development Team for Inclusion (NDTi) was appointed as the independent evaluation partner of The Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training Trial in Learning Disability and Autism in partnership with [bemix](#) and [My Life My Choice](#). We are pleased to share a final evaluation report of the Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training Trial in Learning Disability and Autism.

Study

[Amygdala-linked brain areas grow differently in autism](#)

The growth differences vary between autistic boys and girls and are most apparent among children with prominent social difficulties.

Policy Paper

[Building the right support for people with a learning disability and autistic people](#)

An action plan to strengthen community support for people with a learning disability and autistic people and reduce reliance on mental health inpatient care.

Consultation

[Down Syndrome Act Guidance – Government consultation and Call for Evidence](#)

The government consultation and Call for Evidence for the Down Syndrome Act guidance has opened today, 19 July 2022. It will close on 8 November 2022.

Statistics

[Number of autistic people in mental health hospitals: latest data](#)

The latest monthly Assuring Transformation NHS Digital data shows that in June 2022:

- In total 2,005 autistic people and people with learning disabilities are in inpatient mental health hospitals in England
- 1,215 (60%) of these people are autistic
- Around 190 of these are autistic people under 18.

Independent Review

[Welsh Government publishes review of autism services](#)

Welsh Government has published the findings of an [independent review](#) into long diagnosis waiting times for autistic children, young people and adults. Led by Duncan Holtom, the study found that the demand for assessments and support is far outstripping the capacity of services in Wales. Over the past two years, for roughly every two children or adults referred for a diagnostic assessment, only one assessment was undertaken.

Film

[Film highlights low uptake on annual health checks](#)

The Sunnybank Trust and Surrey Heartlands ICS Research Team have produced a new video highlighting the challenges people with learning disabilities face when accessing primary care. The [film aims to empower healthcare professionals](#) to take positive action and features the voices and real-life experiences of those with a learning disability.

News

[Disabled people report being blocked from NHS care due to poor communications](#)

Findings show that one in four respondents (28%) – including deaf, blind and with learning disabilities – said they had been refused help when requesting support to understand information about their healthcare. This included information being provided in formats such as Braille, British Sign Language and easy read.

[Personalised care tech solutions developed to better support individuals with learning disabilities](#)

National charity providing services for people with learning disabilities Hft has collaborated with digital grouped living provider Everon to develop personalised care technology solutions fit for the future that better support individuals with learning disabilities.

[Evidence for remote autism assessments trickles in](#)

More than two years into the COVID-19 pandemic, emerging data support the remote tactics that kept autism diagnosis going during lockdowns.