

Take part in our Vaccination Information Project

Tell us what you think about vaccines and help us create information that helps others make informed choices.



This document was written by the Learning Disability Wales.

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Introduction



We are **Learning Disability Wales**.



Public Health Wales asked us to find out what people with a learning disability think about **vaccinations** and having **vaccines**.



Vaccination is the way we give someone a vaccine to protect them from specific diseases.



A **vaccine** is a medicine that helps your body fight diseases to keep you safe from getting very ill.



In the UK we have a programme of **vaccines** that are free from the NHS.



They are given at different times of year and at different ages to help give people the best protection.

For example:



- There is a childhood **vaccine** programme that starts at 2 months old. Babies get **vaccines** to protect them from things like meningitis and measles.



- At age 12 to 13 years old, young people can get the **HPV vaccine**. **HPV** is a very common virus that can cause problems, and cancer in some cases.



- Children and adults who are at risk of getting very ill if they get flu, can get a **flu vaccine** every year. This is usually in the autumn or winter.



- People have been getting the **COVID-19 vaccines** to help protect people from coronavirus.

Aim of this project

We want to find out:



- What people know and think about **vaccines**.



- If people worry about getting **vaccinated** or having **vaccines** and if so, what makes them worried.



- What helps people to get their **vaccines**.



- What information is available for people about **vaccines**. And where people get their information from.



- How people would prefer to get information about **vaccines**.



At the end of this project, we will use what we have learned to make information about **vaccines** that is easier to find and understand.



The aim of the information will be to help people with a learning disability make informed decisions about having **vaccines**.

How you can take part

If you are a person with a learning disability, there are 3 different ways you can take part.



1. You can answer our online survey, available between **Monday 20 February 2023 and Friday 10 March 2023** here: <https://forms.gle/pf9nio5YrZ67PqPh9>



2. You can take part in a face-to-face **focus group** at your people first group. We are only doing this with 3 people first groups. You will be paid £20 for taking part.

A **focus group** is a group of people that meet to talk about their views and experiences. They give feedback on something. For this project we are asking for feedback on having **vaccines**.



3. If you are not a member of 1 of the people first groups we are working with, you can take part in an online **focus group**. You will be paid £10 for taking part.



The online **focus groups** will last around 1 hour.



We are looking for adults aged 18 years old and over.



You can take part in English or Welsh.

If you would like to take part in 1 of these online **focus groups**:



Please fill out the online form: <https://forms.gle/Aob6h9n6FQF4jPwP6>

Or contact:

Laura Griffiths, Learning Disability Wales

Email: Laura.griffiths@ldw.org.uk

Phone: 029 2068 1176



We are also looking for:



- family and carers of people with a learning disability
- and people who work with people with a learning disability



who would be willing to share their views, and the views of the people they care for through a 1 to 1 interview.

If you are interested in taking part in an interview:



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Focus Groups

If you want to take part in an online **focus group**, you need to be available on the dates below:



- Adults who want to share their views in **English** - **Thursday 2 March 2023 at 2pm**



- Adults who want to share their views in **Welsh** – **Monday 6 March 2023 at 2pm**



You will need a computer, laptop, smart phone, or tablet to join the group.



We will send you a meeting invite by email. You will need to click the link in the email to join the **focus group**.



We will pay you £10 for taking part in an **online focus group**.



We will pay you £20 for taking part in a **face to face focus group**.



Please talk to us if you need any help taking part or if you are worried about anything.

Safeguarding



The **focus groups** will be led by a member of staff from Learning Disability Wales.



There will be other staff there from Learning Disability Wales who will help run the session.



We will ask some questions to help start the conversation. And to think and talk about different things.



We want to hear your views.



We will listen to each other and treat each other with respect.



People may think different things and have different views.



We will not judge each other if we have different views or disagree with each other.



We will send you some links to **vaccine** information if you want to know more.



We want you to feel comfortable and happy to give your views, please speak to us if you need any help with anything.

Will what you say be kept private



No. We will record what is being said. And we will use what is said to write a report.



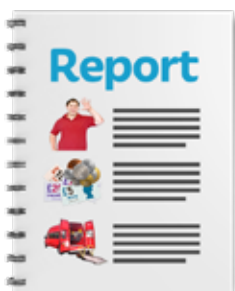
The staff member from Learning Disability Wales that led the session will listen to the recording. They will write a summary of what was said. This is called a **transcript**. After this, the recordings will be deleted.



Your name will not be included in the transcript. It will not be clear who said what.



Staff from Learning Disability Wales, Public Health Wales and the project steering group will be able to read the **transcript**.



Together we will use the transcript, and what we have learned from our surveys and interviews with others to write a final report.

Consent



Before you take part in this project, we will ask you to sign a **consent** form.

Consent means you agree to do something.



It is important that you read the information in this document carefully **before** you sign the **consent** form.



You can change your mind about giving your **consent** at any time up until **Monday 17 March 2023**.



Changing your mind about giving your **consent** means we will take out all the things you said, and it will not be included in our final report.

Keeping your information safe



Personal information about you will be kept separate from the feedback you give. For example, your name, age and where you live.



We will use and keep your information by following a law called **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**.



You can find out about your data protection rights and our [data protection policy on our website](#).



All recordings and any information about you will be kept in password protected computer files.



All recordings will be safely deleted when a member of staff from Learning Disability Wales has written out what everyone said.



Everything people said will be stored in password protected files. Your name will not be kept with the things that were said.



If someone might be at risk from harm, we must tell professionals who can help. If this happens, we will talk to you first.



When the project is over, we will safely get rid of your personal information.

What will we do with our findings?



We are collecting people's views through:

- **Focus groups**
- Surveys
- 1 to 1 interviews



When we have finished collecting everyone's views, we will write a report.



We will send this report out to interested people and organisations. The public will be able to read them on our websites.



We will use what we learn to suggest the best way to give people with a learning disability information about having **vaccines**.



We will work with people with a learning disability and Public Health Wales to create this information.

More information



For more information about this project, or to keep up to date with what is happening you can:



Go to our website: www.ldw.org.uk/vaccines

Contact Laura by:



Email: Laura.griffiths@ldw.org.uk

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For information about **vaccines** in Wales, please go to the Public Health Wales website: phw.nhs.wales/vaccines.