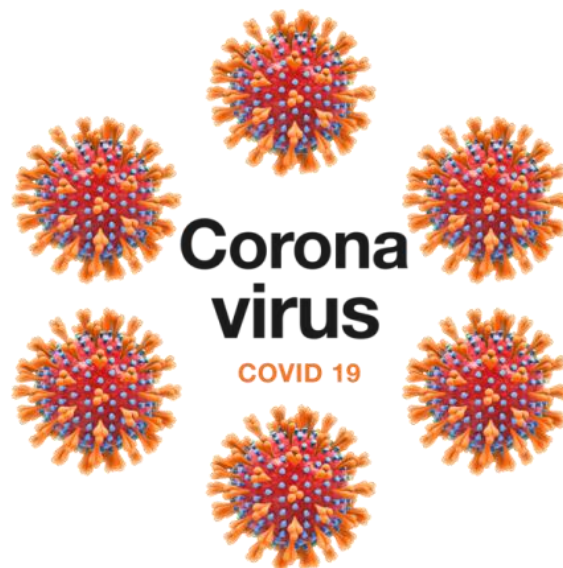


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Report on how many people with a learning disability have died of coronavirus



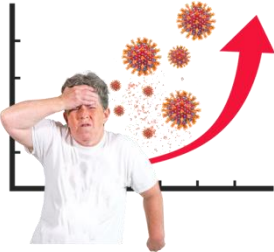
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COVID-19-related deaths in Wales amongst People with Learning Disabilities from 1st March to 26th May 2020 - Brief Summary.

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What we have learned

Before coronavirus we knew that people with a learning disability:



- were more likely to get illnesses that we could have stopped from happening. Like flu.



- died of these illnesses earlier and more often than people without a learning disability.



We know about around 15,000 people with a learning disability living in Wales who have visited a hospital in the last ten years.



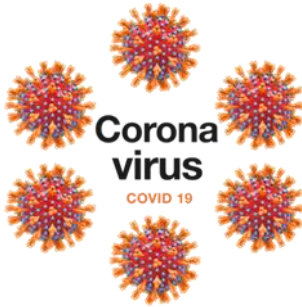
Between March and May 2020 around 30 people with a learning disability died from coronavirus (COVID-19).



We think that this is about 20 to 26 more deaths than we would find in 15,000 people without a learning disability.



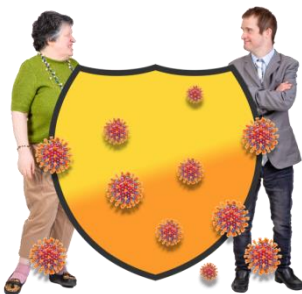
But people with learning disabilities die earlier and more often from many other causes, not just coronavirus (COVID-19).



This means that about the extra risk of dying from coronavirus is similar for people with and without a learning disability.



We must keep working to make sure people with a learning disability have equal health care.



We must also keep trying to protect ourselves and others from coronavirus.



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