



Coronavirus and People with Learning Disabilities Study

What we know about risks and COVID-19

July 2021 Wales

What is this study about?



This study is about coronavirus (also called COVID-19) and people with a learning disability.



It is a study in England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales. We talked to nearly 600 adults with learning disabilities. **We talked to 183 people living in Wales.**



Nearly 300 family carers or paid supporters of people with severe or profound multiple learning disabilities also gave us information. **This includes 51 people in Wales**

COVID-19 and people with learning disabilities



COVID-19 can be worse for people with some health conditions. When we spoke to people with a learning disability in January to March, over half (55%) told us: that they had health conditions that would be a worry if they had covid 19.

Nearly 2 out of 3 people with severe and profound learning disabilities (64%) had health conditions that would be a worry if they had covid 19.



About 1 in 10 people with learning disabilities had had COVID-19.



Long Covid is an illness after COVID 19. It lasts a long time.

Some people with a learning disability may have long covid

Staying safe at home:



9 out of 10 people with learning disabilities had had at least one dose of the vaccine



3 out of ten people had had 2 doses of the vaccine



1 in 7 of the people with a learning disability had been tested for COVID-19 in the last month.



Paid support staff or family members were using masks, gloves and aprons for nearly 7 out of 10 people with a learning disability.

Paid support staff or family members were using masks, gloves and aprons for 4 out of 10 people with severe and profound learning disabilities.



7 out of 10 people with a learning disability we spoke to who were living in services had some limits on people visiting them.

Just over 7 out of 10 people with severe and profound learning disabilities had restrictions on people visiting them.

Self-isolate for 14 days



1 in 10 of people with learning disabilities had self-isolated in the last month/



5% of people with learning disability we spoke to were shielding.

Almost 25% of people with severe and profound learning disabilities were shielding

Staying safe out of the home

Nearly 2 in 10 people with learning disability worried a lot about getting COVID-19.



Close to 4 in 10 people with a learning disability were worried a lot about family and friends getting COVID-19.



Nearly 2 in 10 people with a learning disability were worried a lot that they would give someone COVID-19

About 1 in 10 people with learning disabilities were very worried about going out.



2 out of 10 people with a learning disability did NOT have to wear a mask

Around 5 out of 10 people with severe and profound learning disabilities did NOT have to wear a mask



9 out of 10 people with a learning disability wore a face mask in shops and on buses and trains

Going out of the house



7 out of 10 people with learning disability said in the week before the interview they left the house to exercise outdoors



Nearly 8 out of 10 people with learning disabilities we spoke to left the house to go shopping for food and medicine



6 out of 10 people with learning disability left the house to go to a park



Nearly 5 out of 10 people with learning disability left the house to get a takeaway.



3 out of 10 people with learning disability left the house to get a bus or train

Going out of the house

In the week before the interview people with severe and profound learning disabilities:



Around 6 out of 10 people left the house to go in a car.



Around 6 out of 10 left the house to go to a park.



Around 3 out of 10 people left the house to exercise outdoors.



Around 2 out of 10 people left the house to go shopping for food and medicine.

What happens next?



We are still finding out more about people with learning disabilities and COVID-19.

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September 2021						
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We will tell people what we find out in September

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