



Coronavirus and People with Learning Disabilities Study

What we know about easing restrictions

Wales September 2021

What is this study about?



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



The study was done in Wales, England, Scotland and Northern Ireland.



We talked to 179 adults with learning disabilities across Wales.



57 family carers or paid supporters of people with severe or profound multiple learning disabilities also gave us information.



This report is about what we have found in July and August 2021.

Information about COVID-19 rule changed



73% of people with learning disabilities we spoke to had information about COVID-19 rules from watching television



56% of people with learning disabilities we spoke to said they kept up to date by talking with family members, friends or support workers.

Restrictions

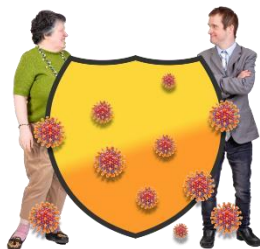


Family members and paid support staff for 46% of people with severe or profound learning disabilities said that visitor restrictions made life worse for the person



“My son has only recently moved into a care setting so it is hard it is hard to judge. But from my point of view I find it extremely distressing and difficult. I think he does as well.”

Shielding



16% of people with severe or profound learning disabilities were still shielding in July and August 2021

Masks Gloves and Aprons (PPE)



53% of people with learning disabilities and carers said that paid support staff were wearing masks, gloves and aprons

Face masks and social distancing



74% of people with learning disabilities thought that everyone should wear masks and social distance



“I’m happy that restrictions are starting to ease. But I also feel very anxious that people are starting to not wear masks and socially distance.”

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