



Coronavirus and People with Learning Disabilities Study

What we know about Support when someone dies

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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 nearly 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 **Wales** between July and August 2021.

Death and COVID-19



33% of the people with learning disabilities in our study were close to someone who died during COVID-19.

They had died from many causes



37 % of those people said that more than one person had died during the pandemic.

40% said that the person who had died was a close family relative (grandparent, sibling or parent).



When someone who is close to you dies, people might need professional help.

Hardly anyone with a learning disability had any help from a professional.



A parent said of her daughter “It frightened her, as her friend was the same age, early twenties, and died in her sleep from epilepsy.”



Another parent said “My brother passed away. I feel I haven’t been able to grieve properly. It’s been very hard.”

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