



Coronavirus and People with Learning Disabilities Study

What we know about Support and Services

Wales September 2021



What is this study about?

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



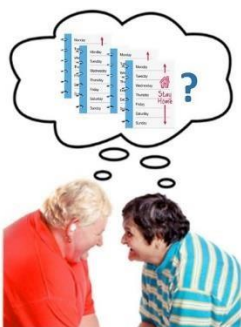
The study was done in Wales, England, Scotland, and Northern Ireland.



In Wales we talked to 179 adults with learning disabilities across Wales. 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.



We asked people what had happened in the last 4 weeks

Services and support



32 % of people with learning disabilities we talked to were getting LESS support than they used to get



48% of people with severe and profound learning disabilities were getting LESS support than they used to get.

Services changed for some people



44% of people with learning disabilities and 9% carers for people with severe or profound disabilities said that their service provides they asked them about changes to services



81% people with learning disabilities we spoke to were happy with the service they were getting



25% of carers for people with more severe or profound learning disabilities were happy with the service they were getting

Parent carers or paid support staff of people with a severe and profound learning disability told us:-



“She is frustrated at lack of meaningful activity and is not allowed to go to a day service that she used to enjoy, even though it has been open since April”



“Much less social interaction. Individuals now have to organise themselves to meet with friends in public places. This is obviously more risky than meeting at day centres etc (which are closed as they are deemed risky!)”

The Future



42% of people with learning disabilities we talked to were not sure when life would get back to normal

What about another lockdown?

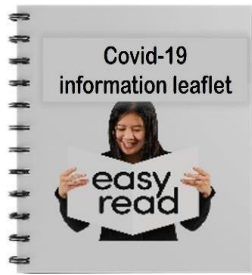


We asked people “what would help in lockdown?”



People said they would want support to keep busy in lockdown

“I’d like to be able to access my studies.”



People said would like good information about lockdown

“I’d like the government to speak to me in a language I understand -not jargon.”



People said they wanted help to get food

“Making sure that my cupboard is stocked up.”



Carers for people with more severe learning disabilities wanted more support from health in lockdown “No mass cancellation of procedures without planning what to do if someone can’t wait any longer”

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