



## Coronavirus and People with Learning Disabilities Study Wales

### What we know about Digital Lives July 2021



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**

## Using the internet or phone

### People with a learning disability told us.



Nearly everyone (98%) had the internet at home



Most people with learning disability (92%) we spoke to told us they used the internet at home



Nearly all people with a learning disability (98%) had a phone they could use

## Family carers and paid support staff told us:



All people with severe or profound learning disabilities had the internet at home



About a third of people with severe or profound learning disabilities used the internet at home



Just under a half of people with severe or profound learning disabilities (41%) had a phone they could use with help

## Using the internet

88% of people with learning disabilities used the internet every day



Many people with learning disabilities (72%) made or were supported to make video calls to family and friends



Just over a half of people with learning disabilities (53%) used Facebook



Some people with learning disabilities (17%) played video games online



A half of people with learning disabilities (50%) watched films and television online



Nearly two thirds of people with learning disabilities (60%) went to online groups



Some people with learning disabilities (34%) went shopping online

## Taking part in online activities



Most people with severe or profound learning disabilities (82%) were offered online activities



**No**

Some had never enjoyed these (42%) and some used to but no longer did (10%)



**Yes**

Some had always enjoyed these (42%) and a few hadn't but now did (5%)

## What happens next?



We are still talking with people with learning disabilities about COVID-19.

September 2021						
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We will tell people what we have found in September 2021.

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