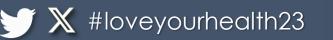
# Health Profiles

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# THE HEALTH PROFILE

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HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE HEARD OF THE HEALTH PROFILE?



# HOW MANY PEOPLE HERE HAVE A HEALTH PROFILE?



HOW MANY PEOPLE HERE HAVE USED A HEALTH PROFILE?





## WHAT IS THE HEALTH PROFILE?

- A safety tool
- It gives important information to health professionals
- Owned by the individual
- Designed in collaboration with people with LD, carers and professionals deliberately only 4 pages









# WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

- The faces behind the statistics
- Dying younger male 22 females 26 years
- 6/10 people with LD die before 65 compared to 1/10 in general population
- Covid 19 was biggest killer double the general population
- 64% died with DNA-CPR in place
- 61% died in hospital
- Sepsis = 11% of deaths
- 50% deaths preventable as opposed to 25% general pop



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## HOW SHOULD WE USE THE HEALTH PROFILE?

- Whenever there is an appointment with a health professional
- It can be used with your pharmacist, optician, dentist, doctor and taken with you to hospital





# HOW DO YOU COMPLETE IT?

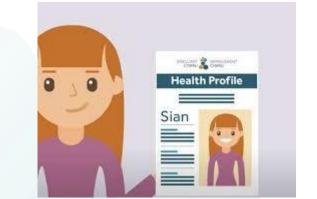
- There are user guides on the public health Wales website for
  - People with a learning disability
  - Families and carers
  - professionals





## THE FRONT PAGE

• Fill in all the information.



- You can put a photo of you on the front if you want to.
- Every time something changes, fill in a new Health Profile



# MY HEALTH (PAGE 2)

- My health needs (your medical history) Any health conditions like epilepsy, dementia or diabetes Any things which happen often like chest infections or constipation Any major operations you've had
- Things I'm allergic to
- My medication and the support needed to take it
- How you show you are in pain or unwell





# MY SUPPORT (PAGE 3 AND 4)BE BRIEF!

Write about any help you need with things like:

- Eating and drinking.
- Using a toilet (continence).
- Moving around safely (mobility).
- Personal care, like washing or brushing your teeth.
- Getting enough sleep.
- Remembering things.
- Walking away.
- Seizures.

If you have a care plan, you could attach it to the Health Profile.





# **MY COMMUNICATION**

Write about things like:



- If you have any problems hearing or seeing.
- If you use anything to help you communicate, like Makaton, symbols or pictures, objects.
- If you need people to use short sentences and clear words.
- If the way you communicate changes when you get anxious or worried, and how people can help you.





## **ANYTHING ELSE**

Write about things like:

- If you have any religious beliefs that are important to you.
- If you have any plans, like a behaviour support plan, an epilepsy plan and your health action plan.
- You might want to write contact details for any care workers, health professionals or family members who are important to you



## HOW WILL IT BE USED?

Remember to take it with you if you need to go to hospital or any appointments

- It is designed to give key information about you to health professionals
- You can insist people take 5 minutes to read it it's to keep you safe
- You can give it to the ambulance crew.
- It should be kept with you not in the notes





#### HOW DO I GET A HEALTH PROFILE

You can download a copy from the public health website

The Once for Wales Health Profile - Public Health Wales (nhs.wales)



#### **REMEMBER!!**

Reasonable adjustments are everyone's responsibility





# **RECENT REVIEW IDENTIFIED**

- Families were not aware of the new profile and in particular the guidance available
- The health profile should be viewed as the red section of the old passport
- We need to focus on how it helps health professionals
- We need to develop an electronic version
- We need to promote the guidance available





#### WE WILL BE RE-LAUNCHING THE HEALTH PROFILE SOON!

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