



## LeDeR Annual Reports 2021 Published



The national Learning from Lives and Deaths - People with a learning disability and autistic people Annual Report 2021 highlights again that on average people with a learning disability live 22 fewer years (males) and 26 fewer years (females) than the rest of the population, and that 49% of deaths were classed as avoidable, compared to 22% in the rest of the population.



The report showed 64% of people who died in 2021 had a DNACPR (Do Not Attempt Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation) notice in place at the time of their death. Reviewers judged this process was correctly followed 60% of the time.



The major cause of death was Covid-19 and people who were unvaccinated were nine times more likely to die if they contracted Covid-19 than vaccinated people. The number of deaths from pneumonia nationally has fallen during the pandemic.



Reviewers found that 75% of people had a health check within the 12 months before they died, and 9 out of 10 reviewers said that people's care needs were met. The review system changed during the year – under the older system 58% of care was rated good or excellent.

Areas of positive practice and areas of concern are highlighted in themes in the report.



The report is available from the new lead academic partner Kings College London as: the main report, easy read, infographic, and a video summary.

[Learning from Lives and Deaths People with a Learning Disability and autistic people \(LeDeR\) \(kcl.ac.uk\)](https://www.kcl.ac.uk/learning-from-lives-and-deaths)



NHS England has published their LeDeR Action from Learning Report 2021 to 2022, alongside an easy read report. The report outlines changes being made in the NHS to respond to the common themes in LeDeR reports amongst people with a learning disability. From next year the NHS reports will include information in relation to autistic people.

[NHS England: LeDeR - Action from learning reports](https://www.nhs.uk/learning-from-lives-and-deaths)



The County Durham and Tees Valley LeDeR Annual Report 2021 has also been published, with many examples of service improvement projects currently underway to improve services, reduce health inequalities and prevent premature mortality for people with learning disabilities and/or autism. In total 39 reviews were carried out in County Durham.

Mirroring the national report the main cause of death was Covid-19. The second and third most reported causes were aspiration pneumonia - an infection of the lungs caused by food and drink going down the wrong way, and pneumonia, an infection of the lungs, at rates significantly higher than in the general population.

The report is available as a main report and as an easy read report

<https://nenc-teesvalley.icb.nhs.uk/our-work/>

Not all deaths of people with learning disability are reported for review. Anyone can report the death of a person with a learning disability and/or autism including family, carers, and friends. For information about LeDeR reviews visit <https://leder.nhs.uk/>.



## Revisiting Safeguarding Practice



Published in May this helpful document, just 32 pages long, outlines revisiting safeguarding adult issues including some myth busting.

[Revisiting Safeguarding Practice - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/92442/revisiting-safeguarding-practice.pdf)



## Everyone's Business: A Safeguarding Podcast

39 Essex Chambers is a barristers' chambers that specialises in mental capacity law, amongst other matters. They produce guides, blogs, and now a podcast. Visit

[39 Essex Chambers | Everyone's Business Episode 1: Is Safeguarding Trendy?](https://www.39essexchambers.com/podcast)



## NHS England reissues Safeguarding Framework

This document setting out the safeguarding roles and responsibilities for people working in NHS commissioned services and NHS provider organisations has been updated.



[NHS England » Safeguarding children, young people and adults at risk in the NHS: Safeguarding accountability and assurance framework](#)

## Domestic Abuse Statutory Guidance Published



The Domestic Abuse statutory guidance to support the Domestic Abuse Act

2021 was published in July 2022 following a government consultation. The guidance sets out in detail what constitutes domestic abuse, how to identify it, and best practices for responding.



[Domestic Abuse Act 2021 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

## Carers and Safeguarding

Carers are people, often family members or partners, caring for someone in an unpaid role. Many organisations refer to care staff as carers. This briefing for people who work with carers is focused on unpaid caregiving. Care staff may also be carers in their personal life.



This briefing updates the ADASS Advice note 'Carers and Safeguarding Adults' first produced in 2011 for frontline workers and brings it in line with the Care Act 2014. It is intended to be used as a practical tool and does not seek to amend or replace existing statutory guidance that may be in place. The briefing supports improvement in practice regarding safeguarding adults as well as safeguarding their carers.

[Carers and safeguarding: a briefing for people who work with carers | Local Government Association](#)

## The Draft Mental Health Bill 2022



This draft bill aims to:

- reform the Mental Health Act
- improve the way that people with a learning disability and autistic people are treated in law, with greater control over their treatment, and will help ensure they receive the dignity and respect they deserve.

For the Bill and the explanatory notes visit

[Draft Mental Health Bill 2022 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)



## Easy Read Human Rights Postcards **The British Institute of Human Rights**



New accessible resource about human rights, created by and for people with learning disabilities.

[Easy Read Human Rights Postcards | British Institute of Human Rights \(bihr.org.uk\)](#)



## Anti-Slavery Commissioner's Annual Report 2021/22

The Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner, Dame Sara Thornton, published her third and final Annual Report. The term of office came to an end in May and a new appointment is awaited.



[Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner - Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner Annual Report 2021-2022 \(antislaverycommissioner.co.uk\)](#)