

Learning Disabilities Mortality Review (LeDeR)

Annual Report 2020 - 2021

Easy Read Summary

The NHS Calderdale CCG and NHS Kirklees CCG
Learning Disabilities Mortality Review Programme (LeDeR)
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This is a report on the learning from deaths review of people with a Learning Disability (LeDeR) in Calderdale and Kirklees



A review is looking at things that happened



This report tells you about the things that happened



We have reviewed the care of people with a learning disability who died from April 2020 – March 21



Reviews help us understand how health and social care can be made better for people with a Learning Disability



We want to learn how make sure people with a Learning Disability live longer, healthier lives.



The reviews show where care and services were good or bad so we know what we need to do



This year was different because of Covid-19. This is a new disease that affects your lungs and breathing



The report is about people who were loved and special to their families, friends and carers

The report



29 people with a learning disability
(over 4 years old) died between
April 20 and March 21 in Calderdale
and Kirklees



21 people died in Kirklees and 8 in Calderdale



We will review all of these deaths.
Some reviews are not finished. We
have done 18



We will tell you about the 18 people
and what we have learnt



We listened to the people who
knew them best, their families and
carers



12 were men, 6 were women.
5 were aged between 18 and 49.
13 were over 50



People who died already had other
health problems. Things like
epilepsy, heart problems or
dementia



March – September

There were more deaths in Spring and Summer |



5 people died of Covid-19



12 people had a plan to help them to die comfortably.



9 people died at home, 9 in hospital



The Reviews



The reviews look at how people were being looked after and what happened before they died



They check things like

- what medicines they used,
- what support did they have,
- had annual health checks,
- were staff helping them working well with other services



Most of the reviews found that people had good or very good care



One person did not get the best care, which was not good for them. But it did not cause their death

What we learnt

What was good



Some people with learning disabilities had support to get their needs met.

- hospital passports were used
- tools were used to ask for what they wanted and needed
- dying people were asked what they wanted. They were given treatments to help them feel comfortable and safe



Covid 19 rules stopped people seeing lots of people. People with a learning disability were helped by being

- allowed visitors when they were in hospital.
- visited at home by Drs and Nurses
- allowed carers at appointments



What we could do better



Make sure specialist learning disability nurses support people in hospital



Help staff notice when people are getting more poorly



Make sure people get the tests they need



Make sure people get help to manage their bowels (to poo)

Covid 19



COVID-19 is a new illness. It is sometimes called coronavirus.



Across the country people with a learning disability died from Covid 19. Some of these deaths could have been prevented.

Reports show what could help



Learning to notice when people with learning disabilities start to get poorly or get more ill



Making sure people have annual health checks



Checking that 'do not resuscitate' instructions were agreed properly. This is when people agree that they do not want Drs to try and restart their heart if it stops.



Learning that illness may look or be different in people with a learning disability



Making plans to meet people's individual needs



Special clinics were run to help people with a learning disability feel safe to have the Covid 19 vaccine.



People watched films, listened to music and had snacks.
This helped them relax.
Their individual needs were met by the team to help them feel safe enough to have the Covid 19 vaccine.



We want to thank the families and
services who talked to us



They have helped us understand
what we can do better