

Supported Living – What we are doing to find out more

    	<p>What this is about</p> <p>There have been reports about supported living on the TV and radio</p> <p>The reports said the number of people with Learning Disabilities being hurt or dying has gone up each year since 2010.</p> <p>At Learning Disability England we think these reports were worrying.</p> <p>We think supported living is an important way people get to live the life they want.</p> <p>We want people to be safe wherever they live.</p> <p>We were confused by the numbers the reports talked about.</p>
	<p>At LDE members can vote to say who they want to speak for LDE about things like supported living</p>
 	<p>Jordan, Scott and Wendy are the Co Chairs of the group of people members chose to speak out.</p> <p>Jordan represents people with learning disabilities</p>



Scott represents organisations



Wendy is a family member, that means she has a learning disabled person in her family.

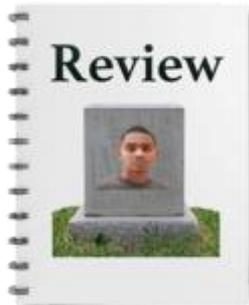


Jordan, Scott and Wendy wrote a letter to the CQC to ask questions about supported living and the numbers in the BBC reports.



The CQC is the Care Quality Commission.

They look at the care and support people get. They can say if they think it is good enough or not.



The CQC have said that their work looking at supported living shows there more people with learning disabilities who live in supported living, dying each year when they weren't expected to.

That means that people weren't very old, or very ill, but they died anyway.



The reports also said there were more reports of serious incidents happening each year.



A serious incident is when someone is badly hurt or if there is abuse. Abuse is when someone is treated badly

 	<p>What the letter says</p> <p>Jordan, Scott and Wendy told the CQC that LDE is very worried about reports of people with learning disabilities being treated badly in supported living.</p>
 	<p>They told the CQC that they are frightened about what these reports mean for learning disabled people being safe.</p>
	<p>They said they are worried that people will think supported living is always bad and that people might be put off supported living.</p>
 	<p>They said that lots of LDE members tell them about their good supported living or about good supported living they work in.</p>
	<p>They said that when supported living is good, it is a really good way to help people with learning disabilities live good lives.</p>

	<p>They explained that they know the CQC don't have the money to pay for services, or the power to say what services people should be able to choose from.</p>
	<p>They asked the CQC to help LDE understand what the information from looking at supported living means</p>
	<p>They asked the CQC 7 questions</p>
	<p>1. How do CQC find out how many people in supported living are dying or there are hurt or abused?</p>
	<p>2. Do the CQC look into these numbers more to make sure they are right?</p>
	<p>3. Do the CQC look more into what's happening in some places, or some types of services to find out what it means for people's lives?</p>
	<p>4. How do CQC use these numbers to work out what questions they should ask to see if a service is good or not?</p>



5. Why do CQC think reports of people dying before they should, or having serious things happen to them in supported living, are going up so much?



6. How many more places are telling CQC they do supported living?



7. Have other places like residential care, been telling the CQC there are more serious things happening to the people living there too?



What Learning Disability England will do next

When we get answers from CQC we will share those and our ideas for what can happen to solve any problems



We also would like to hear from our members what they think