



Dear Jan and Derek,

I am writing to you on behalf of Learning Disability England's members – people with learning disabilities, families, friends, organisations and professionals across the country.

We were disturbed to learn about the death of Danny Tozer. I shared some of my thoughts about it in a blog post, which you can read [here](#).

Some of our members have got in touch with us to say that they are concerned about Mencap's response to the fact that Danny died whilst in your care. They have not seen a response from you and are very worried about this.

I am writing to you to ask if there's anything you would like to say to our members, and to people with learning disabilities, friends, families and organisations across the country. We would like to know what you are doing to make sure that your services are safe.

Every person with a learning disability has the right to live an ordinary life, with great support and a safe home. We see this as a matter of human rights.

We believe that we can only make this happen by working together. That means people with learning disabilities working alongside families, friends and organisations such as yourselves.

We know that when good organisations make mistakes, they are honest and transparent about how they are going to make things better.

We're encouraging you to do this – to come together with people, ask the difficult questions and make sure that this never happens again.

There are lots of great self-advocates and families who could make your work stronger by sharing their experiences and expertise.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Bourlet', with a stylized flourish underneath.

Gary Bourlet
Co-Founder, Learning Disability England