

More Information about how we made our decision

	<p>Why have we made this decision?</p>
	<p>We made this decision because of what most members told us</p> <p>They worry that having different bills for different conditions divides people with learning disabilities.</p> <p>We thought about what we heard and made decisions.</p>
	<p>We worry it could exclude some people.</p> <p>Especially groups with conditions that are rare and not many people understand.</p>
	<p>We also worry about people getting support based on medical conditions.</p> <p>We don't want to see people being treated differently because of a health condition.</p> <p>Or struggling to get support because they don't have a diagnosis.</p>



The bill talks about how people are different rather than shared experiences and goals.



We know people with Down Syndrome have some specific health needs.

It is important they get good health care for those.



We do not know of evidence that people with Down's Syndrome generally have more unfair treatment or bad experiences than other people who have learning disabilities for other reasons.

We think there is a lot of examples of inequality for all people with learning disabilities.



We think people have more in common than not.



How we consulted with members to help us decide



Some members got in touch to say they were concerned about the bill.



So we decided to ask all members to tell us what they think.



We sent all members a newsletter about the bill and asked them to fill in a survey.



We did not hear from all members but the members who replied gave us an idea of what members think.



The Rep Body held a meeting to talk about what members said.



We have heard some clear messages in the feedback from members.



Most members were unsure or do not support the current bill.



Some members thought it could make a very positive difference to people's lives.



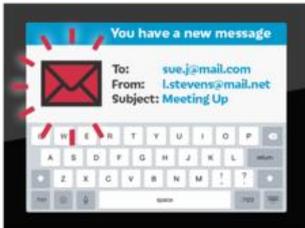
But twice as many members said they did not agree with the bill than said they supported it.



A lot of members said they could not see that the Bill proposed anything new that would help people with learning disabilities have better lives.



There was a clear message from members that the bill should include all people with learning disabilities.



We wrote to all members to ask them to tell us if they agree with the next steps



We told them what we had talked about at the meeting.

And we told them what we were planning as next steps.



We asked members whether they agreed with the next steps.

Whether they agreed with the position that we are not able to support the Down Syndrome Bill.

And that we would only support the bill if it included all people with a learning disability.



We heard from a small number of members (18 people) and nearly everyone (16 people) who got in touch said they agreed with this.



As a member led organisation, and as the elected Representative Body, the views of our members matter to us.



If you want to talk to a member of the Rep Body about this, please email info@LDEngland.org.uk.

We will keep talking to members about this and share updates if we have any news



If you are not yet a member of Learning Disability England and you want to find out more about joining and working with other members for change, [click here for more information](#).



Thank you.

From the Representative Body