



How We Survive and Thrive: The People with Learning Disabilities Pandemic Inquiry

This is an inquiry led by
and focusing on people
with learning disabilities.

Meet the
Commissioners!



Our big question is....



**What needs to happen for
people with learning
disabilities to be in the best
place to survive and thrive if
there is another pandemic?**

Help us test our recommendations



In small groups think about:

What's most important?



What do the recommendations make you think about? Is there anything missing?

1. Giving people the best chance through good health – equalising health



- Health services must put people with learning disabilities first, including for prevention and treatment.
- People's right to reasonable adjustments must be respected by health providers, and all services.
- The Mental Capacity Act is really important. There must be no blanket decisions about people with learning disabilities.

2. Voice and decision making and communication



- People, families and advocates must be involved in all planning and decision making to make sure that people get the right support.



- Government, councils and public services must make sure that they communicate in ways people can understand to help them stay safe and well.



- There must always be ways for people who do not use the internet to be treated equally.

3. Support for a good life



- The government, local authorities, support and housing providers must make sure that people can get more and better support during a pandemic, not less.



- Government and all services must work out carefully how to keep people safe without stopping contact with other people more than needed.



- Better use should be made of self advocacy groups in supporting people through a pandemic, including increased funding.

Call to action!



- We really need your help with this!
- Share the report amongst your organisations and networks.
- Speak to care support providers, schools, local authorities and healthcare providers about the report and its recommendations.
- Write to your MP to tell them about the report and the recommendations.

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