

Learning Disability England Co-chairs Easy-read Statement on LeDeR



The LeDeR report is a study that happens each year looking at the deaths of people with a learning disability and autistic people.



Its aim is to find ways to improve healthcare and prevent early deaths.



Gary Bourlet from Learning Disability England has said:



"When people get the right care and treatment, they can live happier, healthier and longer lives.



We need everyone to work together to make a national health plan.



We also need to make sure people are responsible for making the plan happen."



Learning Disability England members are worried about the changes to the LeDeR programme.



They are worried it could become harder to learn why people with learning disabilities and autistic people die.



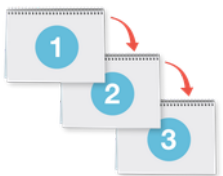
The Government has said it will collect new information.



But it is not clear:



- how every person with a learning disability will be included.



- how this information will be used to make things better.



- who will make sure changes happen.



Collecting information is not enough.



The information must be used to improve people's health and stop deaths that don't need to happen.



Learning Disability England is asking the Government to make a national health strategy for people with learning disabilities.



This means a plan for improving their health across the country. It should set out what needs to change, who needs to make the changes, and what actions they will take.



More than 1,700 people, including people with learning disabilities, families, organisations and supporters, have signed an open letter asking for this.

Learning Disability England also supports a campaign by INQUEST.



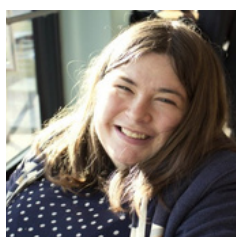
The campaign wants to make sure lessons are learned after deaths and investigations, so the same mistakes do not happen again.



At the moment, there is no system to make sure changes are made.



People and families want LeDeR to be clear about what needs to change and who needs to make the changes.



Mary Woodall, a self-advocate and Member Representative, said:



"People with learning disabilities need to be involved in making decisions. We need a plan that is made together and listens to people."



Learning Disability England will keep asking for more information and will share updates with members.