

## Resources on COVID-19 for people with intellectual disabilities and their families and carers

**Coping with Coronavirus.** Beyond Words have produced a selection of free picture stories and illustrated guides to support people with learning disabilities and autism through the coronavirus pandemic. More details on this link: <https://booksbeyondwords.co.uk/coping-with-coronavirus> See also <https://booksbeyondwords.co.uk/> for further information about Beyond Words.

**Learning Disabilities: the impact of COVID-19.** The COVID-19 pandemic has been a difficult time for many people. This video explores how COVID affected the Learning Disability Community <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xA4Uj0YqDcg>

The **National Mental Capacity Forum** have been running a series of rapid response webinars relating to Mental Capacity Assessment and best interests decisions re Covid-19 (including the vaccination). Details can be found on these links: <https://www.scie.org.uk/mca/directory/forum/covid-webinars> and <https://autonomy.essex.ac.uk/covid-19/rapid-response-webinars/> (April 2020 - January 2022) and <https://autonomy.essex.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Vaccination-FAQs-FINAL-2.html>.

**Peter & Friends talk about COVID-19 & having a learning disability, 29.10.2020.** [Click this link to view the webinar.](#) [Click this link to read the book.](#)

**Covid deaths and people with learning disabilities: response from the PCPLD Network, 14.11.2020.** [Link to view the webinar.](#)

**People with learning disabilities and Covid vaccinations. Urgent Extra Webinar from the PCPLD Network, 28.11.2020.** [Link to view the webinar.](#)

**Book or manage your coronavirus vaccination, for everyone on the GP Learning Disability Register.** Families, carers and professionals can help with the online booking. Details available on this link: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>

**JCVI (Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation) issued further advice on COVID-19 booster vaccination, 14.09.2021.** Please see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/jcvi-statement-september-2021-covid-19-booster-vaccine-programme-for-winter-2021-to-2022>

**COVID vaccination walk through with Michelle, narrated by Joe.** This short video follows Michelle through the process of having the vaccination, so you can understand what to expect. [Link to view the video.](#)

**Information about vaccines: for people with a learning disability and people with autism.** A short film describing what a vaccine is, how vaccines are made, why you should get a vaccine, whether a vaccine makes you ill and how to decide whether to have a vaccine. [Link to view the video.](#)

**Easy read guides which give information about the coronavirus (Covid-19) vaccine.** Details on this link: <https://www.mencap.org.uk/coronavirus/coronavirus-covid-19-vaccine>  
**Staying healthy during coronavirus and the effects of alcohol,** in Easy Read version

<https://www.ldw.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/1.-Alcohol-and-Staying-Healthy-Easy-Read.pdf>

**Coronavirus scams** in Easy Read version <https://www.mencap.org.uk/sites/default/files/2020-04/Avoiding%20Scams%20ER.pdf>

**Guidance on COVID-19 and Prader-Willi syndrome.** [Link to read the guide.](#)

**Learning Disability England, Coronavirus Hub.** [Link to read the information.](#)

**Deaths of people identified as having learning disabilities with COVID-19 in England in the spring of 2020.** Published by Public Health England. [Link to read the report.](#)

**Priority concerns for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities during the COVID-19 pandemic.** Published by Cambridge University Press on behalf of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. [Link to read the article.](#)

**COVID-19 deaths in people with intellectual disability in the UK and Ireland: descriptive study.** Published by Cambridge University Press on behalf of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. [Link to read the article.](#)

**Risks of covid-19 hospital admission and death for people with learning disability:** population based cohort study using the Open SAFELY platform. Published in the British Medical Journal, 15 July 2021 See <https://www.bmj.com/content/374/bmj.n1592> See also editorial in British Medical Journal Covid 19: **People with learning disabilities are highly vulnerable** <https://www.bmj.com/content/374/bmj.n1701> and also **Covid-19: challenges for people with intellectual disability** <https://www.bmj.com/content/369/bmj.m1609>

**The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on people with learning disabilities across the UK – latest findings from Wave 3.** Published in September 2021 <https://itccovid.org/2021/09/23/the-impact-of-the-covid-19-pandemic-on-people-with-learning-disabilities-across-the-uk-latest-findings-from-wave-3/>

**Health inequalities for people with learning disabilities are even more impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.** See <https://arc-si.nihr.ac.uk/news-insights/latest-news/excess-deaths-people-mental-health-conditions-increased-during-covid-19> published in October 2021.

**Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance from the Department of Health & Social Care for care staff supporting adults with learning disabilities and adults with autism.** Updated 24/08/21. Please see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-supporting-adults-with-learning-disabilities-and-autistic-adults/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-care-staff-supporting-adults-with-learning-disabilities-and-autistic-adults>

**Down's syndrome campaigner Heidi Crowter on marriage and loving life.** She was married in July 2020 during lockdown. She is campaigning to change the law surrounding the termination of unborn babies with Down's syndrome. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-coventry-warwickshire-57089602> and <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-coventry-warwickshire-58662846> and <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-59432487>