

Human rights issues for people with learning disabilities and older adults in care homes

Useful links for more information

Equity in Access to Services

- Learning Disabilities Mortality Review Programme (LEDER). The Equality Act 2010: Avoiding discrimination and making 'reasonable adjustments' for people with learning disabilities. Available from: https://www.bristol.ac.uk/media-library/sites/sps/leder/2079_EQAct2010_PDF.pdf
- Public Health England. Easy steps to improve support for people with learning disabilities in hospital. Available from: https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20160704150213/http://www.improvinghealthandlives.org.uk/publications/1247/Working_together_2:_Easy_steps_to_improve_support_for_people_with_learning_disabilities_in_hospital
- Learning Disabilities Mortality Review Programme (LEDER). Hospital staff checklist around reasonable adjustments for disabled people in hospital. Available from: https://www.bristol.ac.uk/media-library/sites/sps/leder/2079_EQAct2010_PDF.pdf
- Care Quality Commission. Promoting sexual safety through empowerment. Available from: <https://www.cqc.org.uk/publications/major-report/promoting-sexual-safety-through-empowerment>
- Easyhealth.org.uk. Easy read health leaflets and films. Available from: <https://www.easyhealth.org.uk/pages/4-easy-read-health-leaflets-and-films>
- Leeds and York Partnership. Learning disability service, get checked out resources. Available from: <https://www.learningdisabilityservice-leeds.nhs.uk/get-checked-out/>
- British Geriatric Society commissioning guidance on effective healthcare for older people living in care homes identifies a number of barriers that remain and affect the care that is offered or provided to care home residents https://www.bgs.org.uk/sites/default/files/content/resources/files/2018-05-10/2016_bgs_commissioning_guidance.pdf
- Health Foundation research on the impact of Covid-19 on barriers to accessing hospital treatment for care home residents <https://www.health.org.uk/news-and-comment/news/research-reveals-scale-of-reduction-in-hospital-treatment-fo>

Mental Capacity Act

- Learning Disabilities Mortality Review Programme (LEDER). Mental Capacity Act, learning into action bulletin. Available from: <https://www.bristol.ac.uk/media-library/sites/sps/leder/MCAMarchNewsletter.pdf>
- British Institute of Learning Disabilities. Brief guide to the Mental Capacity Act: implications for people with learning disabilities. Available from: <https://www.scie.org.uk/files/mca/directory/bild-mca.pdf?res=true>
- Mencap. What is the mental capacity act? Available from: <https://www.mencap.org.uk/advice-and-support/mental-capacity-act#:~:text=The%20'Mental%20Capacity%20Act'%20is,need%20to%20make%20thos,e%20decisions>
- Guidance on the application of the Mental Capacity Act during the Covid-19 pandemic: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-looking-after-people-who-lack-mental-capacity>

- Social Care Institute for Excellence information and guidance for care and health staff <https://www.scie.org.uk/mca> and MCA training <https://www.scie.org.uk/training/mentalcapacityact/>

DNACPR

- Learning Disability England/Turning Point. DNACPR Support Pack. Available from: <https://www.turning-point.co.uk/DNACPR>
- Resuscitation Council UK. Decisions relating to cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Available from: <https://www.resus.org.uk/sites/default/files/2020-05/20160123%20Decisions%20Relating%20to%20CPR%20-%202016.pdf>
- Learning Disabilities Mortality Review Programme (LEDER). Decisions relating to cardiopulmonary resuscitation and treatment escalation plans. Available from: https://www.bristol.ac.uk/media-library/sites/sps/leder/2099_DNACPR_PDF.pdf
- CQC report: *Protect, respect, connect – decisions about living and dying well during COVID-19* <https://www.cqc.org.uk/publications/themed-work/protect-respect-connect-decisions-about-living-dying-well-during-covid-19>
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Death certification and coroners

- Learning Disabilities Mortality Review Programme (LEDER). Medical certificates of cause of death (MCCD). Available from: http://www.bristol.ac.uk/media-library/sites/sps/leder/2104_CauseOfDeath_PDF.pdf
- Inclusion North. Stop people dying too young (the LEDER programme). Available from: https://inclusionnorth.org/our_work/stop-people-dying-too-young-the-leder-programme/#:~:text=This%20is%20known%20as%20the,Disability%20Dying%20Too%20Young%20Group.
- Dimensions. Dying to Matter: a guide for families following the death of someone with a learning disability. Available from: <https://dimensions-uk.org>

Other human rights issues

- Age UK report on *Covid-19 and the impact on the human rights of older people* <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/globalassets/age-uk/documents/reports-and-publications/reports-and-briefings/equality-and-human-rights/older-people-and-human-rights-during-the-covid-19-pandemic.pdf>
- Healthwatch Leeds report on the *Emotional impact of Covid-19 on care home residents* <https://healthwatchleeds.co.uk/reports-recommendations/2020/what-relatives-of-care-home-residents-in-leeds-are-saying/>
- Equality and Human Rights Commission report: *How coronavirus has affected equality and human rights* <https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/publication-download/how-coronavirus-has-affected-equality-and-human-rights>
- John's Campaign fight for the right of family carers to stay with people with dementia and to be able to support them as essential carers during the pandemic. <https://johnscampaign.org.uk/>