

# Learning Disabilities

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## Reports

[A Fair, Supportive Society](#) The Institute of Health Equity report A Fair, Supportive Society highlights that some of the most vulnerable people in society – those with learning disabilities – will die 15-20 years sooner on average than the general population – that's 1,200 people every year. The report commissioned by NHSE highlights key facts, stats, and interventions. Much of the government action needed to improve life expectancy for people with disabilities is likely to reduce health inequalities for everyone. Action should focus on the 'social determinants of health', particularly addressing poverty, poor housing, discrimination and bullying.

[Priorities for Adult Social Work Research](#) This report sets out the top 10 priorities for adult social work research. It aims to help make sure future research answers the questions that are important to social workers and those who are in contact with them. The priorities cover a broad range of themes and issues for adult social workers. These will help to improve understanding of the social work approaches and interventions that work and why, and help to achieve the best outcomes for people and their carers.

## Cochrane Review

[communication interventions for autism spectrum disorder in minimally verbal children](#) Cochrane Review finds that there is limited evidence that verbally based and alternative and augmentative communication (ACC) interventions improve spoken and non-verbal communication in minimally verbal children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

## Advice

[Environmental risk for autism, explained](#) This article explains why it is difficult to link autism to environmental factors, and what scientists know about how the environment influences autism risk.

## News

[New support launched for disabled adults to improve health](#) A PHE world-leading evidence review and UK Chief Medical Officer physical activity infographic has been launched for disabled adults. These works consider the breadth of impairments, covering long-term physical, sensory, cognitive, and mental health impairments.

## Website

[Learning Disability Pride website](#) A new website for people with learning disabilities has been developed which seeks to encourage people to take action to improve and foster community relationships and raise awareness. The site suggests ways to do this and also advocates a Learning Disability Pride week in June 2019.

## Publication

[NHS England: Ask Listen Do](#) The Ask Listen Do resource, published by NHS England, shares tips for health, social care and education organisations and practitioners with the aim of making feedback, concerns and complaints easier for people with a learning disability, autistic people, families and carers.