

Learning from Lives and Deaths of People with a Learning Disability and Autistic People (LeDeR)



Briefing for Primary Care/GP practices – November 2024

This briefing provides positive practice, learning/improvements and resources from LeDeR reviews closed over the last 2-3 months.

Screening and vaccinations

Positive Practice:

- Age-appropriate screening and annual vaccinations received for the majority of people.

Learning/Improvement areas:

- Some individuals did not receive vaccinations or age-appropriate screening.
- Pneumococcal vaccine not offered to those at high risk of Pneumonia.

Useful resources:

[Easy Read resources Cancer Screening and Immunisations](#)

Pneumococcal vaccine:

[Easy read guide to the pneumococcal vaccine](#)

Cervical Screening:

[Easy read guide to Cervical Screening](#)

[Video for people with LD to support their understanding of cervical screening](#)

[Cally's story - reasonable adjustments to attend appointments](#)

Bowel Cancer Screening:

[FIT Testing videos in other languages](#)

Breast Screening:

[ICS video - what happens at breast screening appointments](#)

Annual Health checks (AHC)

Positive Practice:

- Some extremely comprehensive AHCs, with an MDT approach.
- Reasonable adjustments made e.g. face to face, allowing family and cares to be present, longer GP appointment times.

Learning/Improvement areas:

- AHC's not completed at all or not carried out on all health conditions.
- Important to complete face to face AHCs as opposed to remotely/virtually.
- Lack of information in relation to completion of Health Action Plans following AHCs.

Useful resources:

[Learning Disability \(sharepoint.com\)](#)

[GP-Health-check-Step-by-Step-Guide-to-LDAHCS.pdf \(dimensions-uk.org\)](#)

<https://www.mencap.org.uk/easyread/annual-health-checks>

<https://www.ndti.org.uk/assets/files/Annual-Health-Check-Toolkit-Final.pdf>

[Better health for people with learning disabilities](#)

Record keeping/documentation

Learning/Improvement areas:

- Lack of record keeping in relation to AHCs and reviews undertaken for individuals.
- Lack of information in relation to completion of Health Action Plans following AHCs..

Useful resources:

[Learning Disability - generating health action plans](#)

Capturing and coding reasonable adjustments for recording and sharing information [Learning Disability](#)

Medication Reviews

Positive Practice:

- Majority of individuals received regular medication reviews.

Learning and Improvement areas:

- Not all individuals received medication reviews and lack of evidence STOMP and did not record the type of medication being reviewed.
- Medication reviews to be completed annually.

Useful resources:

[Network contract directed enhanced service \(england.nhs.uk\)](#)

[GMC prescribing guidance](#)

[RCGP repeat prescribing toolkit](#)

There will be some STOMP/STAMP training offered in Q4.

Additional useful resources

<https://leder.nhs.uk/resources/resource-bank> - The resource bank is of use to healthcare professionals supporting people with a learning disability or people who are autistic with their health or care.

[Health Passports](#) - Our resource centre is here to help you access the Health Passport and get support with filling it out and using it.

Mental Capacity Assessments (MCA)

Learning/Improvement areas:

- Lack of documentation in clinical records of formal MCAs and best interest decisions in relation to screening, vaccinations and medications – where required.
- ReSPECT document not fully completed in relation to capacity section, no legible and no clear clinical rationale.

Useful resources:

[Mental Capacity Act - Social care and support guide - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

[Assessing-mental-capacity-when-making-decisions](#)

[mental-capacity-act-2005-top-tips Mencap](#)

[Mental Capacity Act Easy Read](#)

[Learning Disabilities - Expert examples of assessing capacity \(youtube.com\)](#)

[ReSPECT for healthcare professionals | Resuscitation Council UK](#)

Referrals to other services

Learning/Improvement areas:

- Lack of referrals to specialist services for long term conditions e.g. cardiology, nephrology, palliative care and cancer services.
- No referral to weight management services or healthy eating advice provided.

Useful resources:

[NHS England » Information for healthcare professionals](#)

[ICS local weight management services](#)

[Weight management 24-25 SSOT guide.pdf](#)

[Lifestyle Services for people with LD](#)

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