



Update on Learning Disability Death Review Programme (LEDER)

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Confidential Inquiry into premature deaths of people with learning disabilities (CIPOLD)



Learning,

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National Guidance on Learning from

A Framework for NHS Trusts and NHS Foundation Trusts on Identifying, Reporting, Investigating and Learning from Deaths in Care Learning Disabilities Mortality Review

National Quality Board



Background to the programme



Mazars Report -An independent review of deaths of people with a Learning Disability or Mental Health problems in contact with Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust

Death by indifference

Following up the Treat me right! report

Key points about the LeDeR programme

 All deaths of people with a learning disability (age 4 years plus) to be notified to the LeDeR programme via

https://www.bris.ac.uk/sps/leder/notification-system/ or phone 0300 777 4774.

 The programme has Section 251 (NHS ACT 2006) approval to support sharing patient identifiable information across services (Ref: 16/CAG/0056)

For more information see:

https://www.hra.nhs.uk/about-us/committees-and-services/confidentiality-advisory-group/legal-frameworks/

What do we expect to achieve

Understand further the avoidable / contributory factors to death

- Improve service delivery and health outcomes
- Reduce Health Inequalities / Discrimination
- Reduce premature death

LeDeR methodology

Notification of death

Allocation to case reviewer

Initial review

Full multiagency review if indicated Summary of recommendations and actions reported to key agencies

Collation and reporting of recommendations and actions



LEDER Review Alice's Story



Alice



- Alice was 63 when she died
- She was a much loved sister
- Cheeky sense of humour
- Loved music
- Loved stationary
- Liked 'dusting'!
- She had Down's Syndrome,
 Alzheimer's disease, Epilepsy
 & infections that kept coming back

Alice



- Alice died at home from a chest infection
- She lived with a carer for over 30 years
- 'Match made in heaven'
- Went to a day centre 4 days a week

Important Events





- Had 'good' health
- Quickly deteriorated after Alzheimer's diagnosis
- More infections

 Annual Health Check 3 years overdue

Cancer Screening Programmes

Cancer screening overdue

What was learnt

- Good practice
- Reasonable adjustments not clearly understood
- Patchy flagging AHCs no Health Action Plan
- Lack of advanced care planning
- Lack of understanding around MCA/BI
- Poor record keeping & communication
- Lack of referring onto specialists earlier
- Support for people after dying is poor

What We Are Doing About It?









- Increasing annual health checks
- Better invite letters, easy read information
- Cancer champions in GP
- Care Home training
- GP time out sessions
- Primary Care Macmillan team
- Health facilitation team

LEDER ANNUAL REPORT July 2016 to November 2017



What we know so far...

1311 deaths were reported to the LEDER programme



More than half were men



Most people were white

Learning From Annual Report 2017



 More people died in hospital than expected Hospital: 801 (64%)



 The average age at death was 58 years old (23 & 29 years earlier than a person without a learning disability)

What are people dying from



Pneumonia
 Infection in your lungs

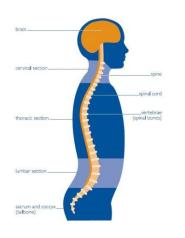
Sepsis
 Infection in your body which causes damage to your organs like your heart/ kidneys

Aspiration pneumonia
Infection caused by food/ liquid
getting into your lungs



Linked To:

Diseases of respiratory system



Diseases of Nervous system



Diseases of circulatory system

Learning & Recommendations







 Improve understanding of the needs of people with learning disabilities

 Better understanding of the Mental Capacity Act (MCA)

Learning & Recommendations



Named healthcare coordinators



Identifying reasonable adjustments and recording these in patient records, checking that they help



 Increasing number of Health Action Plans, as part of Annual Health Checks

The governments response

Full support for all LEDER recommendations has been given





Priorities:

- How accessible information is being used to help people
- Making sure systems and guidance help people deliver good care
- Information sharing is improved between services
- Public Health England to increase flu-vaccinations



- Healthcare-coordination model is developed
- Use of Reasonable Adjustment is improved



 Mandatory learning disability awareness training



 Care Quality Commission to inspect the use of the Mental Capacity Act across services



Emerging Theme & Learning Examples



Providing care

 Poor GP awareness of the causes of death or health conditions experienced by people with a learning disability

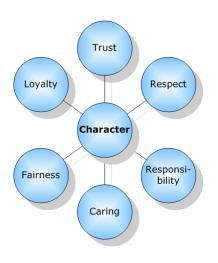
 Lack of easy read information to support communication and make sure the person had capacity and able to consent to treatment



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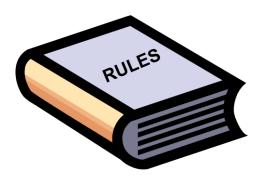
 Missed chances to prevent or reduce the risk of developing long-term conditions, such as obesity, diabetes, cardio-vascular disease. *

 Person unable to have breast screen due to needs around their mobility. *



Professional practice

- Poor practice around "Do Not Resuscitate" plans*
- Safeguarding alerts not made and only identified through LEDER review after death.
- Poor understanding of the law around reasonable adjustments.



Guidelines and the Law

 Wrong reasons/ causes recorded on death certificates. *

 Not using the Mental Capacity Act to help person get appropriate treatment

What is NHS England and LEDER doing to help



Learning Disability Mortality Review Programme

Learning into Action Group:

- Mental Capacity Act in urgent care settings
- Sepsis
- Constipation
- Pneumonia



NHS Right Care Pathways

Current work

Reasonable Adjustments standards Diabetes pathway published Dysphagia due to be published Sepsis

Further work

Heart Disease Epilepsy Colon Cancer