

Improving Communication for Adults with Learning Disabilities (ICALD)

Summary



Many people with learning disabilities find it difficult to communicate.



Communication difficulties can lead to people being lonely.



Communication difficulties can make it hard to ask for help when feeling poorly.



People with communication difficulties can be neglected or abused.



We want to understand how to improve communication for adults with learning disabilities that live in social care.



The project will last 5 years. There will be 5 parts to the project.



We will work with people with learning disabilities, their families and staff in social care to get their ideas.



We will ask them about their experiences.



We will ask them about the things they would like to change.



Together we will make a training program for staff that work in social care.



The training is to help staff and people with learning disabilities to understand each other better.



We will think about how to check if the training makes life better for people with learning disabilities and the people that support them.



We will train staff in ten different homes.



We want to find out if training makes communication better.

We will ask staff questions and watch what staff do.



We want to find out if training makes things better and how much it costs