LeDeR Takehome fact sheet: Demographics





Sex demographics

56% of people in the data who died in 2021 were male. 42% female and 1% identified as other.

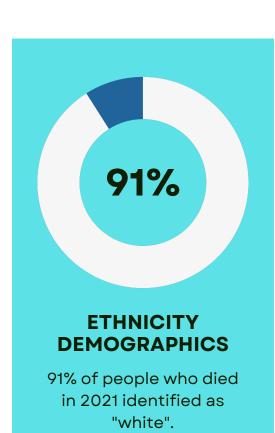


Age at death

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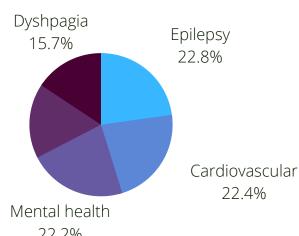
The median age of death for people with a learning disability in 2021 was 62.

The median age for the general population 2018-2020 was 82.7.



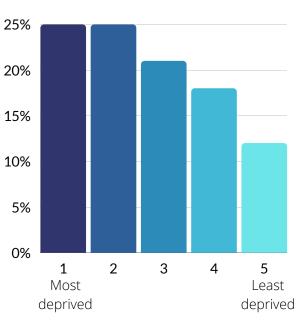
THE FIVE MOST FREQUENT LONG TERM HEALTH CONDITIONS

Sensory impairment 16.9%



AREAS OF DEPRIVATION

Over 50% of people with a learning disability died in areas rated as some of the most deprived in England.





EARLY DEATH

6 out of 10 people with a learning disability died before they were 65. This compares to between around 1 in 10 of the general population.

LeDeR Takehome fact sheet: Circumstances of death





DNACPR

64% of people who died in 2021 had a DNACPR in place at the time of their death. Reviewers judged this was followed 60% of the time. This compares with 78% of the time in 2019.

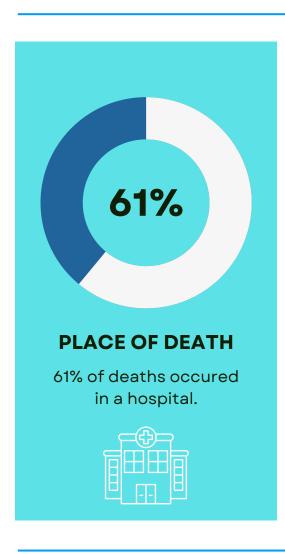
60%

DEATHS DUE TO PNEUMONIA ARE DECLINING



0 2018 2019 2020 2021

52% of respiratory deaths in 2018 were due to pneumonia. In 2021 only 21% were.



TOP 5 GROUPED CAUSES OF DEATH

1: COVID-19

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2: Diseases of the Circulatory System

3: Diseases of the Respiratory System

4: Cancers

5: Diseases of the Nervous System

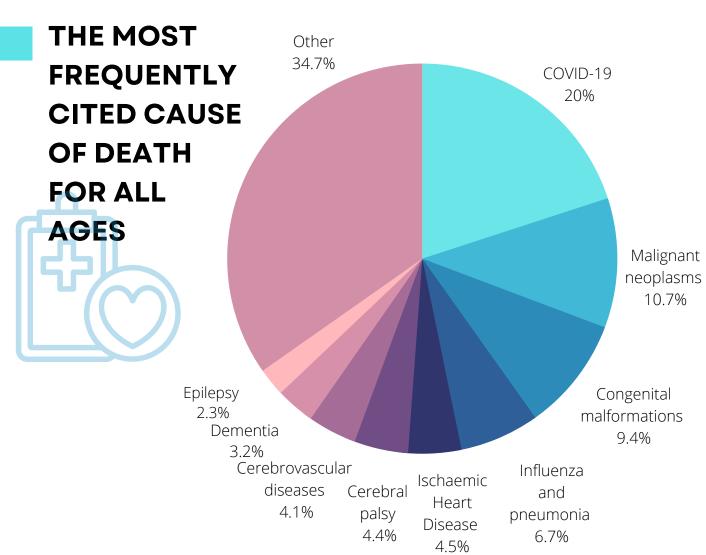








The top 5 grouped causes of death (general grouped categories).



LeDeR Takehome fact sheet: Quality of Care







9 out of 10 of reviewers indicated that the care package provided met the needs of the individual in deaths that occurred in 2020 and 2021.



LIASON NURSE

The Learning
Disability liaison
nurse role in acute
hospital settings
was valued as a
bridge between
the principles and
provision of good
care.

IN SPECIFIC AREAS OF CARE

Reviewers continued to identify fewer problems in specific areas of care, year-on-year.



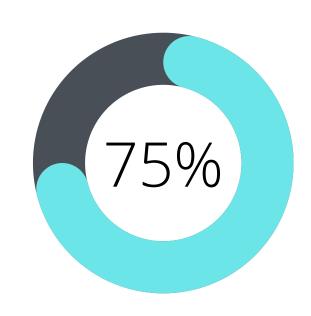
EVIDENCE OF GOOD PRACTICE



7 out of 10 reviews indicated evidence of good practice.

HEALTH CHECKS

75% of people had a health check within the 12 months before they died.



LeDeR Takehome fact sheet: Age at death



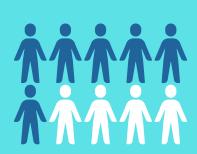


AGE AND ETHNICITY

People of Black, Black
British, African or
Caribbean, mixed ethnic
group and Asian or Asian
British ethnicity died at a
younger age in
comparison to people of
White ethnicity.

EPILEPSY AND AGE OF DEATH

Epilepsy was the most common long-term health condition associated with an earlier age at death.



EARLY DEATH

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PLACE OF DEATH

People who died in a place other than their usual place of residence or hospital showed a small increase in the likelihood of dying at a younger age.



AGE OF DEATH

62 was the average age of death for people with a learning disability. In the general population it was 82.7.

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SEX AND PART OF THE COUNTRY WHERE PEOPLE LIVED

Neither sex nor region were shown to be significantly associated with age of death.



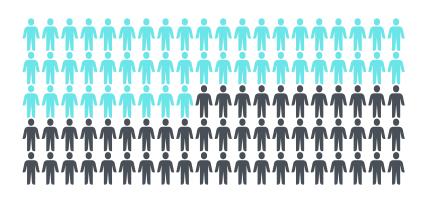
LeDeR Takehome fact sheet: Avoidable deaths





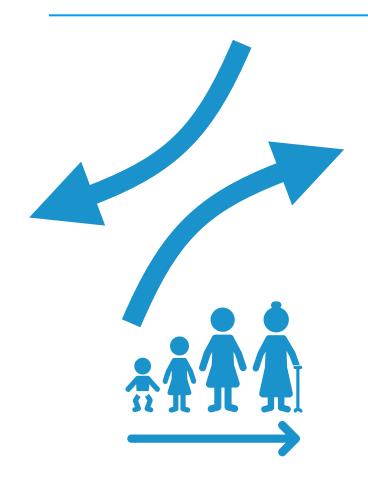
AVOIDABLE DEATHS

49% of deaths
were rated as
"avoidable" for
people with LD.
This compares to
22% for the
general
population*.



49%

*ONS data for 2020



AGE AND AVOIDABLE DEATHS

Deaths were more likely to be rated as avoidable with increasing age, peaking in the middle aged groups before decreasing again ffor those who died over the age of 65 years.

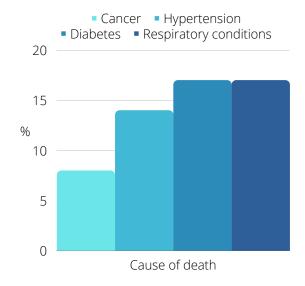
REGION AND AVOIDABLE DEATHS

Regional differences in avoidable deaths were noted, with the highest rates in the North West (54%) and the lowest in the South West (42%)



CAUSES OF AVOIDABLE DEATHS DEATH

8% of avoidable deaths were linked to cancer, 14% to hypertension, 17% to diabetes and 17% to respiratory conditions.



LeDeR Takehome fact sheet: COVID-19





COVID-19 LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH

COVID-19 was the leading cause of death for people with a learning disability in 2021.

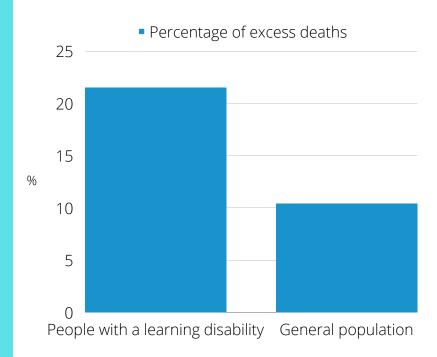


There was no excess deaths* for children with a learning disability in 2021.
Deaths actually decreased by about 3% compared to 2018-2019

*over and above what would be normally expected

EXCESS DEATHS FOR ADULTS

The rate of excess deaths in 2021 was more than twice as high for people with a learning disability than for the general population.



VACCINATION

28% of those who were unvaccinated died from COVID-19 compared to 3.4% of those who were vaccinated.

UNVACCINATED DEATHS

Those who were unvaccinated were 9 times more likely to die of COVID-19 than those who were vaccinated.



