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Learning Disabilities Mortality Review (LeDeR) programme

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[Conference: Getting it right for people with a learning disability and autistic people](#)

Will you be at this year's Health and Care Innovation Expo, the biggest NHS-led event of the year, being held at Manchester Central on September 4th and 5th? If so, you should consider attending the 'Getting it right for people with a learning disability and autistic people' session at 4.15pm on the 4th. NHS England and NHS Improvement will explain why getting health and social care right for people with learning disabilities is everyone's responsibility. There will also be a performance by the MiXiT theatre company showing how we can all make a difference. More information available [here](#).

[Guidance: Preventing falls in people with learning disabilities](#)

Public Health England has produced a document to help staff in public health, health services and social care prevent people with learning disabilities from falling over and injuring themselves. The document is also intended to help falls prevention services provide support that is accessible to people with learning disabilities. The guide, and its accompanying easy-read version, is designed to be used by family carers, friends and paid support staff to help them consider what risks may contribute to falls, as well as ways to minimise those risks. [Download the document here](#).

[Programme pilots learning disability reasonable adjustment flags on patient records](#)

NHS Digital is piloting a reasonable adjustment flag on patient records to indicate that a person has learning disabilities – one of the recommendations contained in the [LeDeR 2017 annual report](#). Reasonable adjustments might include a longer appointment time or quiet waiting area. The trial, being carried out in Gloucestershire and Devon, will run until the end of September. It is being held in various care settings, including GP surgeries, hospitals and community services for learning disability. [Click here](#) for further information.

[Easy read guide to understanding constipation](#)

Deaths of people with learning disabilities have been linked to constipation and it can be a significant health issue if it is not properly managed. This guide, produced by the Bradford District and Craven CCGs, will be useful for anyone working with and supporting people with learning disabilities, including family members, paid carers and professionals. It provides useful information on how to avoid getting constipated. Download and print the easy-read guide [here](#).

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