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Learning Disabilities Mortality Review (LeDeR) programme

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University of Bristol's LeDeR contract will come to a planned end on 31 May 2020

The University of Bristol's involvement with the LeDeR programme began in 2015, supporting NHS England to establish the programme. The programme is now fully operational across England and all deaths of people with learning disabilities, aged 4 and over, are being reviewed. The contract with the University of Bristol was for a five-year period. That contract will come to an end, as planned, on 31 May 2020. The university is pleased that NHS England has pledged to continue the LeDeR programme and uphold the commitment it made to LeDeR in the NHS Long Term Plan. The statement, which was released on 15 January, is available to [view here](#).

What is the role of the University of Bristol in the LeDeR programme?

The University of Bristol is one of the partners in the Learning Disabilities Mortality Review (LeDeR) programme. It is commissioned by the Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP) and works closely with NHS England, which funds and manages the programme. Its responsibilities are to:

1. Record all reported deaths of people, aged 4 and over, who have learning disabilities.
2. Provide technical support for local NHS and care staff in England, who carry out reviews into each death.
3. Ensure all the confidential data about deaths and reviews is stored securely on the university's computer servers.
4. Analyse, report on and make recommendations about all completed reviews.

Further information, and details about other partners involved in LeDeR, is available [here](#).

When will the University of Bristol LeDeR programme team report its 2019 annual findings?

Reviews of deaths completed by local NHS and care staff in 2019 are currently being analysed and will be reported on in the University of Bristol's next annual report. It is due to be published in 2020. The publication date will be decided by NHS England, which funds and manages the LeDeR programme, in conjunction with the Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP).

[Do you have a learning disability? Share your experience of NHS services by filling in a survey](#)

NHS Improvement is looking for people with learning disabilities to tell them about their experiences of NHS services. They want to hear about good and bad experiences to help them better shape NHS services for people with learning disabilities. If you have a learning disability, and have used NHS services at any point, please fill in this [survey](#). Please share with anyone who may be interested.

[Winter isn't over yet - there's still time to get your free flu vaccine](#)

If you have a learning disability or you care for someone with a learning disability, then you are entitled to a free flu vaccine. You can get the vaccine from your GP or local pharmacist. And don't worry if you're scared of needles, you can ask about a nasal vaccine instead. Further details are available [here](#). Please share.

[NICE guidelines for end-of-life care](#)

The National for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) published guidance in October 2019 about service delivery for end of life care for adults. The guideline (NG142) covers organising and delivering end of life care services including advice on services for carers and is available to download [here](#). It is intended to be used alongside the NICE guideline on care of dying adults in the last days of life (NG31), which covers clinical care for people who are considered to be in the last days of life. This can be downloaded [here](#).

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