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Learning Disabilities Mortality Review (LeDeR) programme

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Coronavirus: University's LeDeR team continues to operate with staff working from home

Following Government advice, the University of Bristol has asked staff to work from home to prevent the further spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19). The University's LeDeR team anticipated this scenario and put contingency plans in place. Whilst we endeavour to continue to support the LeDeR programme as normal during this period, our levels of service may be inadvertently adversely affected. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause. While staff are away from the office, notifications of the deaths of people with learning disabilities can be registered as normal on the LeDeR website. Go to www.bris.ac.uk/sps/leder/notification-system/.

The LeDeR team also continues to support the operation of the LeDeR Review System. If Reviewers and/or Local Area Contacts need help or advice, please email the University's LeDeR team at leder-team@bristol.ac.uk

Coronavirus: Support for people with learning disabilities during the virus outbreak

The LeDeR Programme is already aware that people with learning disabilities face considerable health inequalities. They may have difficulties accessing appropriate healthcare, of an equivalent quality to the general population, and may experience more long-term health conditions than others. This is at the forefront of our minds in these uncertain times. We are therefore urging everyone to think particularly about people with learning disabilities and those who support them. Many of their usual sources of support and activities have been curtailed, and we need to help reduce any physical and psychological effects that Coronavirus (COVID-19) may have on them. Easy-read resources about the virus have been produced by agencies, including [Learning Disability England](#), [Photosymbols](#) and [Inclusion North](#). Please share them with family, friends and colleagues.

National Data Opt-Out and how it affects the LeDeR Programme

The national data opt-out applies to deaths notified to the LeDeR programme from 6th March 2020 onwards. Deaths notified before that date are not affected. The national data opt-out allows anyone to opt-out of having their confidential information used for purposes beyond the direct provision of their care and treatment, such as for research or service evaluation. Further information on how it affects the LeDeR programme is available on the LeDeR website [here](#). A Briefing Paper on the National Opt-Out process and the impact on LeDeR is available to read, download and print [here](#).

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