

What is LeDeR?

LeDeR stands for **L**earning from Lives and **D**eaths – People with a Learning Disability and Autistic People.

LeDeR is a national service improvement programme commissioned by NHS England where the death of every adult with a learning disability and autistic people is reviewed.

In Somerset this helps us to make local improvements in the quality of health and social care services for these groups of people.

This may be by highlighting and sharing good practice or by showing where improvements to the care provided can be made.

Why is LeDeR needed?

Reports and research show that people with a learning disability and autistic people sometimes die much earlier than they should. In Somerset data and findings from reviews is drawn together in an annual report and to provide feedback to the Somerset health and care system.

What does a LeDeR review involve?

NHS Somerset has a team dedicated to carrying out reviews and supporting service improvements.

A review is carried out for everyone whether the death of the person was expected or not.

Our reviewers talk to family, friends and other key people about the person's life and the circumstances leading to the death of their relative or friend.

Reviewers also have access to medical and care records and will talk to health and care professionals to find out as much information as possible about the person's health and care needs.

Reviewers then write the review and record it and the outcomes online.

All reviews are checked by our local panel of health and care practitioners before finally being submitted to NHS England.

Anonymised data from all reviews across the country is collated by a national team and each year a report is written in collaboration with King's College London: <https://www.kcl.ac.uk/research/leder>

Sometimes there may be a statutory investigation or coroner's involvement when someone has died, then the LeDeR review is put on hold until the investigation is complete.

Family involvement in LeDeR.

Involving family in LeDeR reviews is an essential part of a review.

Reviewers want to hear about the person who has died and their life, as well as any thoughts about what services worked well and what could be improved.

If a family member is not able to be contacted, someone who knew the person well is invited to contribute to the review in their place.

Families are offered a copy of the review if they would like one.

Where to find more information about LeDeR.

Visit the NHS England LeDeR website: <https://leder.nhs.uk/about>

Email the Somerset LeDeR team: somicb.leder@nhs.net

To see copies of our Annual Reports, Newsletters and Learning Briefs visit the NHS Somerset LeDeR web page:

<https://nhssomerset.nhs.uk/about-us/equality-diversity-and-inclusion/learning-disabilities-and-autism/>

If you provide care or support to someone with a learning disability, or an autistic person, are a GP or other health professional, a family member, friend or carer we need you to notify us if someone dies.

You can do that via this web page: <https://leder.nhs.uk/report>

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About the LeDeR programme

