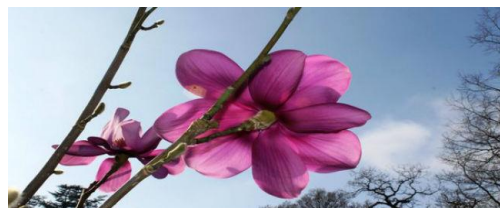


# Learning Disabilities Mortality Review (LeDeR) programme

## The LeDeR programme and social care providers



### Introduction

People with learning disabilities have poorer health and die younger than people in the general population. LeDeR aims to change this.

A key part of the LeDeR programme is to review every death of a person with a learning disability over the age of 4 to explore what lessons can be learned and how health and social care services can be improved. You can find out more about LeDeR at <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/sps/leder/>

### What are we asking social care providers to do?

We are asking social care providers to refer every death of a person with learning disabilities over the age of 4 to the LeDeR programme.

### How do I implement this in my organisation?

Providers have told us that the best way to implement LeDeR in social care is to embed it in existing systems. Many providers already have a process which staff and managers follow when someone dies. The most straightforward way of ensuring that every death is referred to LeDeR is to:

- Identify who is responsible for referring deaths. This should be someone who knew the person well. In regulated services this usually sits with the registered manager.
- Identify who is responsible for checking that the death has been referred. This may be the person who is responsible for compliance or a more senior manager, depending on the structure of your organisation.
- Add referring the death to LeDeR to your existing policy and process for responding to a death. The following information will help you to do this.

### Notify a death

On-line: <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/sps/leder/notify-a-death/>

Or

By telephone: 0300 777 4774

## Notifying a death

A death can be notified on-line at <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/sps/leder/notify-a-death/> or by telephone on 0300 777 4774. You will need the following information:

- Who else has been notified of the death?
- Information about the person who has died:
  - Name, address.
  - Date of birth and date of death.
  - Equality data: gender, ethnicity, marital status.
  - Name and contact details of someone who knew the person well.
  - Name and contact details of GP.
  - NHS number.
  - Place of death, cause of death.
  - Whether there will be a post mortem, inquest or any other investigation or review of the death and who else the death has been reported to.
  - If the reporter has any concerns or additional information about the death.
  - The reporters contact details.

If you do not know all this information, complete the form giving as much detail as you can.

The checklist on page 3 contains a list of people to contact following the death of a person with a learning disability. It can be copied, amended and/or you may add your own branding.

## What will happen next?

Every death receives an initial review. If any concerns are identified about the death, or it is felt that further learning could come from a fuller review, a multi-agency review is held.

By participating in this programme, you will be contributing to improving the lives of people with learning disabilities. A summary of the main findings of the programme is published annually and disseminated widely throughout the sector. A copy is available on the LeDeR programme website.

Thank you.

## People to be informed of the death of a person with a learning disability

People to be informed	Date informed
Registered manager (if not present)	
Next of kin	
If the person lived in a service: other living people in the service	
Staff	
Social worker	
Commissioner/funding authority	
If the person was subject to the Mental Health Act: responsible clinician and the Home Office	
If the person was subject to DoLS the coroner should be informed; this may be done by the doctor confirming the death	
If the person was subject to DoLS: DoLS team/IMCA	
Regulator: CQC/Ofsted	
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GP	
All other professionals, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Psychiatrist</li> <li>• Psychologist</li> <li>• Dentist</li> <li>• Optician</li> <li>• Chiropody</li> <li>• Any other care and support provider</li> </ul>	
Appointee/ Benefits Agency	
Landlord	
Bank	
Local authority: Council Tax, Blue Badge	