

# Learning Disabilities Mortality Review (LeDeR) Programme

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## Update from the University of Bristol's LeDeR Team

Pauline Heslop, the University of Bristol's LeDeR Programme Lead, presented at the Public Health England Screening Inequalities Conference earlier this month. Her presentation [Screening people with Learning Disabilities: What do we know?](#) is available to view online. Other conference materials including presentations and slides can also be accessed on the [PHE Screening Inequalities Conference](#) website.

Dave Hanford, Information Officer for the LeDeR Programme, oversees producing easy read versions of reports and documents for LeDeR so that vital information about the Programme is accessible to everybody. On the 8<sup>th</sup> of February, Dave delivered an easy read course. The course was attended by 12 students from professional health backgrounds, who had never produced easy read documentation themselves. Dave's course took them through all the key points involved in producing clear and effective easy read documentation. For more information, please contact Dave: [dave.hanford@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:dave.hanford@bristol.ac.uk)

There have also been some staffing changes in the University of Bristol's LeDeR Team. In January, the team welcomed two new members of staff and said goodbye to another. Johanna Pollard joins the team as the Data Support Administrator and provides specialised support to the team with data analysis and reporting. Lizzie Huntley takes on the role of LeDeR Programme Manager and facilitates team and programme operations. Finally, we extend our thanks to Paul Hazell for his contribution to the LeDeR programme and wish him well in his new role.

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## Update on new LeDeR web based platform

SCW (South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit) continues the development on the new web-based platform for the LeDeR programme, through a series of phases, which will deliver a product ready for use. We are working with people who already use the current system to test the new system, to ensure it will be easy to use when launched. SCW are working closely and effectively with the University of Bristol and NHSE to ensure a smooth transition, including an agreed transition plan and data transfer processes. The new web-based platform will be available by June 2021.

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## Resources

Learning Disability England has a Hub to share resources and information for people with learning disabilities about COVID-19. It includes videos and blogs where people tell their own stories about keeping in touch during lockdown. Check it out at: <https://www.learningdisabilityengland.org.uk/what-we-do/keeping-informed-and-in-touch-during-coronavirus/>

Books Beyond Words has expanded their range of free resources for people with learning disabilities during the COVID-19 pandemic with a picture book about having a vaccine for coronavirus. See: <https://booksbeyondwords.co.uk/>

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