






An update about the COVID 19 vaccine for people with learning disabilities

	<p>As you know, Learning Disability England has been taking action and campaigning for people with learning disabilities to be prioritised for the COVID 19 vaccine.</p>
	<p>On 27th November we wrote to Helen Whatley MP, the Minister for Care.</p> <p>And Learning Disability England coordinated and was co signatory to an Open Letter to the JCVI.</p>
	<p><u>You can find out more and read the letters here.</u></p>
	<p>We have not yet had a response to these letters.</p>
	<p>We feel it is important to keep the pressure on and to act quickly now that the vaccination programme has started.</p>



So today we have written to Professor Jonathan Van-Tam, the Deputy Chief Medical Officer.

We have asked him to take action and prioritise people with learning disabilities for vaccination.



[You can read the letter here](#)



We still need your help.



We ask you to write to your MP if you haven't done that already.









You can [use this easy read template from Speak Up](#) to help you to write your letter.










You can [find out who your MP is here](#).



We all need to carry on trying to get people with learning disabilities to be made a priority for the vaccine.

	<p>In January, we will be looking at how MPs have responded to your letters.</p>
	<p>So if you have already written to your MP, please fill in this short survey to tell us what they said.</p>
	<p>You can see the resources from Public Health England about the roll out of the vaccine here.</p> <p>People will be called for vaccination when it is their turn based on the priorities.</p>
	<p>39 Essex Chambers have done a briefing about mental capacity and the vaccine here</p>
	<p>This may be useful to you in helping people to think about decisions around vaccination.</p>
	<p>The National Mental Capacity Forum will host a Rapid Response Webinar on Friday 18th December between 1-2pm to share knowledge and talk about good practice around consent for the new COVID vaccinations.</p>

	<p>NHS England has shared the Standard Operating procedure for Covid vaccinations</p> <p>This is aimed at organisations who will be involved in the roll out of vaccines at care homes. You can read it here</p>
	<p>The webinar is free, but you will need to register for your place here</p>
	<p>Learning Disability England will carry on trying to get people with a learning disability to be made a priority and we will update you again in the New Year.</p>
	<p>In the meantime, we send you all Season's Greetings and hope you have a peaceful and enjoyable break.</p>
  	<p>Jordan, Wendy and Scott</p> <p>Representative Body Co Chairs</p>