



This is an easy read summary of a research report about COVID-19

Scottish  
Learning Disabilities  
Observatory

The Scottish Learning Disabilities Observatory (SLDO) did the research



People have been worried about whether COVID-19 affects people with learning disabilities worse than people without learning disabilities



SLDO tried to find out if COVID-19 affects people with learning disabilities worse than people without learning disabilities



They looked at how COVID-19 affected people between 24<sup>th</sup> January and 15<sup>th</sup> August 2020



The research looked at how many people with learning disabilities died from COVID-19

### People with Learning Disabilities



### People without Learning Disabilities



People with learning disabilities were more than 3 times more likely to die of COVID-19 than people without learning disabilities



The research looked at how many people with learning disabilities caught COVID-19

**People with Learning Disabilities**



**People without Learning Disabilities**



People with learning disabilities were twice as likely to catch COVID-19 than people without learning disabilities



The research looked at how many people became very ill with COVID-19

**People with Learning Disabilities**



**People without Learning Disabilities**



People with learning disabilities were twice as likely to become very ill from COVID-19 than people without learning disabilities



The research also looked at whether more people with learning disabilities had died in 2020 from all causes than in other years



Slightly more people with learning disabilities died of all causes in 2020 than in other years



This research shows that COVID-19 has affected people with learning disabilities worse than people who do not have learning disabilities



We must do more to change this so that people with learning disabilities are safer from COVID-19



If you are worried or upset by any of the information here, you should talk to someone about it



This could be a family member or a friend or a support worker

