**ReSPECT forms**: Easy read patient information can be found on the resus council website here: [ReSPECT Resources | Resuscitation Council UK](https://www.resus.org.uk/respect/respect-resources)

**MyGPandMe**

Free online learning about making GP surgeries more accessible and improving the experience for patients with learning disability/ autism- suitable for all GP surgery staff

[Help us make GP practices more accessible - #MyGPandMe - Dimensions (dimensions-uk.org)](https://dimensions-uk.org/get-involved/campaigns/make-gps-accessible-mygpandme/)

**Dental care and oral health**

People with learning disability have poorer oral health and more problems accessing dental care.

Good oral health and dental care is an important factor in patients’ general health and quality of life.

Dental services have a legal obligation to make reasonable adjustments to ensure people with learning disability can access their service.

Every patient with learning disability should have an annual dental check-up.

The annual health check is a good time to talk about the importance of good oral health.

Here are some resources:

Government website on oral health in learning disability has great resources for health professionals, carers and patients:

[Oral care and people with learning disabilities - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/oral-care-and-people-with-learning-disabilities/oral-care-and-people-with-learning-disabilities)

Video for carers:

 [Oral Health for people with a learning disability - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=shfOzK0h_kE&t=5s)

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**Medical certificates of cause of death** -Reminder that learning disability/ Down’s syndrome/Cerebral palsy are NOT acceptable as causes of death themselves and should not added to Part 1 of the MCCD, they can be appropriate in Part 2 as contributing factors.

[Completing a medical certificate of cause of death (MCCD) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-notes-for-completing-a-medical-certificate-of-cause-of-death)

Easy read information about the learning disability register, annual health check and reasonable adjustments can be found here:

["Improving Our Health" Campaign - Grace Eyre (grace-eyre.org)](https://www.grace-eyre.org/2021/07/27/improvingourhealth-campaign/)

**Upcoming Events:**

Next **learning disability lead GP forums** suitable for all clinicians involved in learning disability and annual health check

**7th July**, 12.30- 14.00 via Microsoft teams. Topic: ***Improving annual health checks***- with talks on oral health, eye health, hearing and dysphagia and more.

**29th September**, 12.30- 14.00 via Microsoft teams Topics to include: epilepsy and medication review at the annual health check

Next **learning event *“Introduction to annual health checks for patients with learning disability”***for clinicians and administrators 26th July 12.30 via teams.

Email Lesley lesley.le-pine@nhs.net if you would like to come and please spread the word across your teams!

Please send any feedback about our previous lead GP forums and any ideas for topics for future meetings to Juliane.matthies@nhs.net

Can you help with a research project? Dr Joseph Webb from Bristol University is planning a study on the role of companions in learning disability consultations. Interested? - contact D rWebb directly joseph.webb@bristol.ac.uk

**Thank you**! I have been asked by Dr Peter Brindle, Medical Director BNSSG to pass on his thanks and gratitude for all the work you are doing to improve the lives of people with learning disability. Across BNSSG 75% of patients with learning disability had an annual health check - some of you have managed 100%- you are making a real difference!

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[Remedy learning disability section](https://remedy.bnssgccg.nhs.uk/search?q=learning+disability)

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South Glos: 0300 124 5888