

Information about how many people with a learning disability have died during the coronavirus outbreak compared to last year

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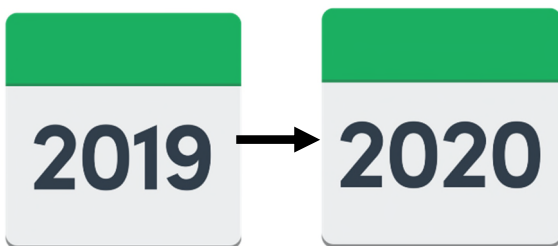
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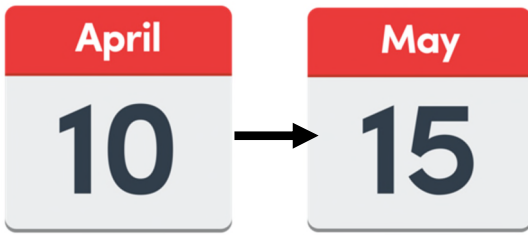
We have done some work to see how an illness called coronavirus has affected people with a learning disability. Some of these people may also be autistic.



Sadly, some people who have been ill with coronavirus have died.



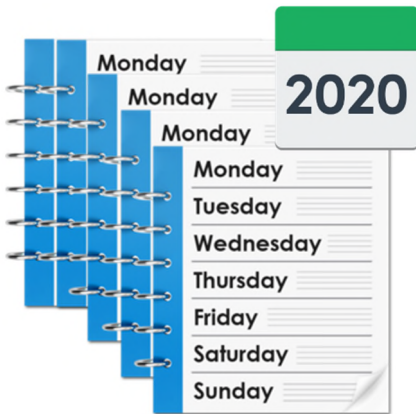
We have looked at how the number of people who have died during the coronavirus outbreak this year compares to the number of people who died at the same time last year.



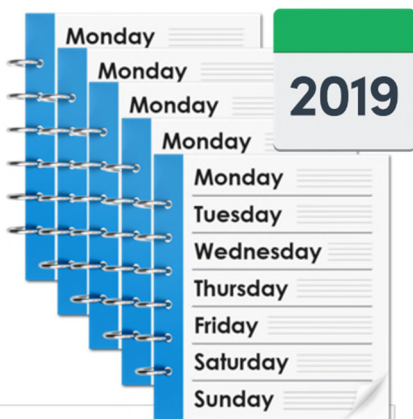
We looked at information about services that support people with a learning disability or autism in the 5 weeks between 10 April to 15 May in 2019 and 2020.



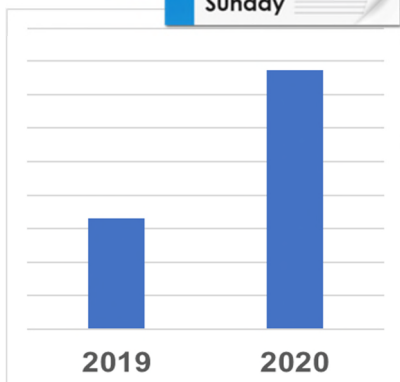
These services can support around 30,000 people.



We found that in that 5 weeks this year, 386 people with a learning disability, who may also be autistic, died.



When we looked at the same information for the same 5 weeks last year, we found that 165 people with a learning disability, who may also be autistic, died.



This information shows that well over twice as many people in these services died this year compared to last year.



Of the 386 people who have died this year, 206 died, or were thought to have died, because of coronavirus.



We cannot be totally sure about these numbers, but we think they are accurate enough to show a meaningful increase in the number of people who have died.



We think this is something that should be thought about in decisions about coronavirus testing for people aged under 65 who have a learning disability.



We are working to make this information even more accurate.



And we will continue to share information like this as part of our regular reports about health and adult social care.



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