

What Mencap wants

Better health for people with a learning disability



All people with a learning disability have a right to good health.



But they often do not get the right support with their health.

There are lots of reasons for this.

For example:

- many health staff do not have the right training to support people with a learning disability





- health information and other things can be hard for people with a learning disability



- people with a learning disability may not get the right information or support to be healthy



What Mencap wants

We want everyone with a learning disability to have good health.

This means:

- health staff should get good training about people with a learning disability



- the training should help them work with people with a learning disability and their families in the right way





- people with a learning disability should get support that is right for them when they go to the doctor or hospital



- people with a learning disability should get support to be healthy



There are other reasons why people with a learning disability may have bad health.

For example, many people with a learning disability are poor.

Being poor is bad for people's health.



We want the government to do more to stop this.