



The big learning disability survey

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



What is the Big Learning Disability survey about?

We would like to ask you some questions about you and your life. The questions are all on topics that people with a learning disability have told us are important to them. Some of the topics are health, relationships, employment and inclusion.

We will be asking lots of people to fill in the survey.



Who can take part in the survey?

You can take part in the survey if you are an adult with a learning disability and live in the UK.



Can somebody help me to fill in the survey?

Yes. You might need somebody to help you read the survey and answer the questions. You can ask a support worker, carer, family member, friend or somebody else to help you.



How do I fill in the survey?

You can fill in the survey online here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/big-learning-disability-survey>



Or you can ask for a paper copy of the survey to be posted to you. If you would like a paper copy, please phone 0207 696 5524 or email research@mencap.org.uk.



Or you can write to us:

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If the survey is not accessible for you there are lots of other ways you could take part! For example, this could be through an interview, conversation, or even drawing a picture. Please contact us to arrange this.



Is there a Welsh language version of the survey?

Yes. You can fill in the Welsh version of the survey online here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/arolwg-mawr-o-anabledd-dysgu>

To ask for a paper copy of the Welsh survey, please email research@mencap.org.uk or phone 0207 696 5524.



Why is the survey important?

This will be a chance for you to tell us about your life and experiences. We will be asking questions on topics that people with a learning disability have told us are important to them, such as health, relationships and inclusion.

The results will help Mencap to provide better support for people with a learning disability. We will use your answers to help make life better for people with a learning disability.



How did Mencap design the survey?

We paid a group of people with a learning disability to help us design the survey. We talked to them about important issues for people with a learning disability.



They helped us to choose which questions to have in the survey. They helped to make the survey more easy to understand. They helped us to choose which pictures to use.



We also have a person with a learning disability working in the Research team on the survey. Other professionals, academics and support workers helped us to design the survey too.



We also got ideas from other surveys. We found that lots of surveys for the general public are not accessible for people with a learning disability. So we did not include many questions from general public surveys in the Big Learning Disability Survey.



We then tested the survey with other people with a learning disability. This was to check if people understood the questions. We made some changes to the survey based on what they told us.



How will Mencap share what they find out?

We will write a report about what we find out. We will share the report with other organisations. We will also share the report on our website and social media (things like Twitter and Facebook).



Will you use my name in the report?

No, we will not use your name in the report. Your answers to this survey are confidential. This means that we will not use your name when we share what we have found out.



Do I have to take part in the survey?

No. You don't have to take part in the survey if you don't want to. If you change your mind during the survey, you can stop.



You will tell us if you want to take part.

You can then answer the survey questions.



Or if you don't want to take part then nothing more will happen.



How will you find people to take part in the survey?

We will contact lots of different people. For example, we will contact organisations, groups and services who work with people with a learning disability in the UK.

We will also share the survey with local councils.

We will try to find ways to contact people who don't use services too.



I have another question. Who should I ask?

Please contact the researchers if you have any questions about this survey. You can email research@mencap.org.uk or phone 0207 696 5524.

