

Checking you are on your GP's learning disability register



The GP learning disability register is a list of all the people with a learning disability that your GP looks after.



The GP learning disability register helps GPs know what support people need.



Being on the GP learning disability register is a good idea because it means the GP knows you may need extra support because of your learning disability.



You may have heard about the GP learning disability register in the news recently.



This is because the government has said that anyone on the learning disability register will be offered the coronavirus vaccine.



You can read more about the coronavirus vaccine by [clicking here](#).

Asking your GP to go on the learning disability register



If you have a learning disability and you have not heard from your GP about having the vaccine, contact your GP surgery to check if you are on the learning disability register.



Even if you have been offered the vaccine because you are an older person, it is still worth checking you are on your GP learning disability register.



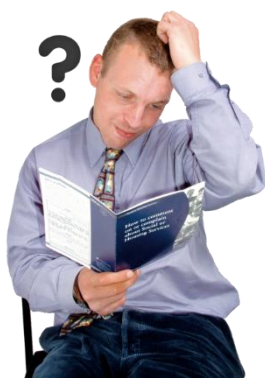
Tell the receptionist that you have a learning disability and you want to make sure you are on the learning disability register.



Some people prefer to say they have **learning difficulties**.



But it may be more helpful to say **learning disability** to the GP or GP receptionist.



This is because the GP may think you mean the kind of learning difficulty that makes it hard to read, write or do sums.



It is important that the GP knows all the ways that your learning disability affects you.



If they think you only need support with reading, writing or doing sums they may not put you on the learning disability register.



If you are not on the register, you may need to make an appointment with your GP to tell them about your learning disability.



Your GP will ask you some questions about your learning disability and how it affects you.

Tell them about what kind of support you need.



You can also tell them about any **disability benefits** you get.



You can also tell them if you have a **social worker**.



You can also tell them if you had any support at **school**.



When you tell your GP surgery about your learning disability, they should put you on the GP learning disability register.



When you are on the GP learning disability register you should be invited to have the coronavirus vaccine.



It is your **choice** if you want to have the coronavirus vaccine or not.



The receptionist might not be able to book you an appointment right away to have your vaccine.



They might say you need to wait until they send you an appointment.



It's not just about the vaccine. There are lots of other reasons why you should be on your GPs learning disability register.



You can get a free health check every year.

This is called an **annual health check**.



You can get a free **flu vaccination** every year to protect you from flu.



The GP learning disability register tells the GP what **medicines** you are on and what **support** you need.



They can tell this to the hospital if you ever need to go there for treatment.



The GP learning disability register also tells healthcare staff what **reasonable adjustments** are right for you.



People with a learning disability have a right under the law to ask for 'reasonable adjustments' when getting healthcare.



'Reasonable adjustments' means extra support.



This extra support removes barriers that might stop you from getting good healthcare because of your disability.

You can learn more about **reasonable adjustments** [here](#).



If you need advice or support, you can contact the **Learning Disability Helpline** on 0808 808 1111



Or [click here](#) to send us an email.



You may also want to speak to the nurses in your **local community learning disability team** if you have any problems.