**NCEPOD**

**Acute Illness in Patients with a Learning Disability Study – Frequently Asked Questions**

**Which organisations should be participating in the study?**

Data will be collected from hospitals in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland, which admit and treat acutely unwell patients.

**What is the study period for this study?**

1st July 2024 - 30th September 2024

**What is the patient sample?**

Patients aged 18 or over who had an emergency admission to hospital between 1st July 2024 and 30th September 2024 inclusive, with a discharge diagnosis (in any position) of learning disability will be included in the initial patient identification.

Retrospective ICD10 coding and learning disability registers (where available) will be used to identify patients

**What patients are excluded from this study?**

Patients admitted as a day case, including Same day emergency care (SDEC) admissions. Patients that were admitted electively.

Patients that do not have a learning disability.

**Which ICD10 Codes are relevant to this study?**

The following ICD10 codes (in any position), will be used to identify patients.

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| **ICD10 codes** | **Description** |
| F70 | Mild disorder of intellectual development |
| F71 | Moderate disorder of intellectual development |
| F72 | Severe disorder of intellectual development |
| F73 | Profound disorder of intellectual development |
| F78 | Other disorder of intellectual development |
| F79 | Unspecified disorder of intellectual development |
| F80 | Specific developmental disorders of speech and language |
| F81 | Specific developmental disorders of scholastic skills |
| F82 | Specific developmental disorder of motor function |
| F83 | Mixed specific developmental disorders |
| F84 | Pervasive developmental disorders |
| F88 | Other disorders of psychological development |
| F89 | Unspecified disorder of psychological development |

You may also liaise with colleagues from the Learning Disability team who may have records of patients with a learning disability admitted to hospital during the study period.

**What is the deadline for returning the data collection spreadsheet?**

The deadline for returning the data collection spreadsheet is **28th February 2025**. If there are any issues or queries regarding the deadline, please contact the NCEPOD office as soon as possible.

**How do I return spreadsheets to NCEPOD?**

Please return the completed data collection spreadsheet to ncepod@nhs.net with password protection. You can also share the spreadsheet with NCEPOD@NHS.NET via MS Sharepoint.

Please do not include the passwords in an email – instead, call the NCEPOD office on 0207 251 9060 where someone will take the password for you.

**What will happen once we have submitted our data collection spreadsheet?**

NCEPOD will import the information you have provided into our study database. We will then randomly select up to 6 cases per hospital for in depth review. For each of these selected cases there will be a corresponding clinician questionnaire uploaded to the online system. We will also request the case notes relating to the patient’s admission to be sent to us for peer review.

How is this work different from the LeDeR audit?

The learning from deaths – people with a learning disability and autistic people (LeDeR) programme conducts mortality reviews into people who have died, regardless of setting. The NCEPOD study will look holistically at the acute care provided when a person with a learning disability becomes acutely unwell irrespective of their outcome.