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Themes and important resources for advice and support.

LeDeR helps us learn about the lives and deaths of people with a Learning Disability or Autism. LeDeR wants to reduce the unfair differences in healthcare that can be prevented.

For more information on LeDeR or to report a death to the programme please visit this website: https://www.leder.nhs.uk/

To view the national LeDeR policy in full please follow this link: https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/B0428-LeDeR-policy-2021.pdf

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3 cases quality checked each month.

Numbers to date (as of 07 October 2021)

What the panel said.

What we can learn.

Good practice in action.





Support for Victims of Crime

The panel felt there needed to be better support for people with Learning Disabilities, who are the victims of crime.

- Victim Support (charity): https://bit.ly/3pmZBee
- Easy Read guide about the charity: https://bit.ly/3joJn0u
- Advice from Gloucestershire Police: https://bit.ly/3CfFKkl

The panel suggested those supporting victims attend the Oliver McGowan Mandatory
Training Pilot: https://bit.ly/3nd1rM5



The Best Interest Process

It may have been helpful, in one case, for the Best Interest decision making process to have started in December 2020, when capacity became an issue.



This person had a skin infection called cellulitis. They did not understand the need to engage with treatment or what would happen if they didn't. They died as a result of sepsis, linked to the skin infection. The panel thought a Best Interest approach should have been used around the person's treatment for the skin infection.

Best Interest decision making principles and application (SCIE): https://bit.ly/3pn3lqG
How to avoid sepsis (easy read by the NHS): https://bit.ly/3ntYwyl
Signs of sepsis and what to do (easy read by the NHS): https://bit.ly/3Gj2vH5

Bowel Care

One person died of a perforated bowel with a history of Diverticulitis. Knowing how to manage a bowel condition is very important.

- Information about Diverticulitis (by Patient.info): https://bit.ly/30Nib51
- A high fibre diet is usually suggested to help Diverticulitis. To learn about fibre see this
 Fact Sheet (by the British Dietetic Association): https://bit.ly/3EclvnB
- Bowel and Bladder Awareness (an Easy Read guide by A Picture of Health South West): https://bit.ly/3Ceeflw
- An Easy Read Guide to Bowel Cancer Screening (by Public Health England): https://bit.ly/3CfmDau



Safeguarding and Advocacy

In once case there was limited communication between the hospital and a care home because there was a safeguarding investigation. Improved communication was needed around safeguarding, making better use of the information in the persons 'My Health Passport'.



Here is a 'My Health Passport' which can be edited online: https://bit.ly/3jzZk46

Multi-Agency Policy for the protection of adults with Care & Support Needs in Gloucestershire (Easy Read): https://bit.ly/3Bepn6G.

The panel also thought that an independent advocate would have benefited this person.

POhWER is the main provider of advocacy services in Gloucestershire:

https://bit.ly/3meboK9.

Examples of Good Practice

- Support was given so that healthcare needs could be managed where a person normally lived. In one case the Community Learning Disabilities Team (CLDT) were called 'amazing' by a person's family.
- · In three cases, the person had a 'My Health Passport'.
- In all cases, ReSPECT forms had been filed in and DNACPR decisions correctly written down.
- Good end-of-life support was noted by the panel in three cases.
- In one case, the person's carers supported them in hospital, using clear face masks to help communication.







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