



## FACTS AND FIGURES

Life with COVID - lots of challenges - but new things to do as well. How are you feeling? What's happening in your life? Here are some facts and figures about what is happening for people with learning disabilities and kids with special needs - surviving, struggling, caring, succeeding, losing support..

### How are people coping?

Most people with learning disabilities were very worried about COVID (77%) and most people said their health is affected (74%) 😞



### But here's something interesting 🤔

Nearly half said that they could go on making plans. Only 22% said their relationships have been affected, and 2 out of every 3 people seemed to be getting food and medicines OK. 😊 Of course we need to know about the people who are badly affected, but we also need to see how people are keeping going

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/healthandsocialcare/disability/datasets/coronavirusandthesocialimpactsongdisabledpeopleingreatbritainmay2020>



### Special needs plans for children

During lockdown, the Government said that local authorities did not have to stick to the timeline for making a plan. From 25th September they now have to produce plans like before. This is good news for children and parents waiting to have needs assessed and met.



### BUT STILL WE NEED TO KNOW THAT...

More people with learning disabilities have been dying during the pandemic.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/disability-52891401>



Mencap found that most people with learning disabilities (69%) had their social care support cut during lockdown.

<https://www.mencap.org.uk/press-release/i-dont-know-what-day-it-or-what-weather-outside-social-care-cuts-people-learning>



If you feel strongly about these problems...

You can write to your MP in Parliament.  
You can tell Learning Disability England and Mencap how you feel

<https://www.learningdisabilityengland.org.uk>

<https://www.mencap.org.uk>