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## Guidance

<u>Preventing falls in people with learning disabilities</u> This guide contains information to help staff in public health, health services and social care to prevent falls in people with learning disabilities. The guide aims to be of use to family carers, friends and paid support staff to help them think about what risks may contribute to falls and how to reduce such risks.

<u>Supporting adult carers - Draft for consultation, August 2019</u> This guideline covers support for adults (aged 18 or over) who provide unpaid care for anyone aged over 16 with health and social care needs. It aims to help people recognise themselves as a carer and understand their right to information and support.

# **Consultation Response**

<u>Funding for Supported Housing - Government Response to Two Consultations</u> The Government has published its response to the consultation on the funding model for supported housing, confirming that housing costs will continue to be paid through Housing Benefit.

## Report

Improving outcomes, enhancing care: Assistive technologies and the case for a Sector Deal for the learning disability sector. This paper from HFT in partnership with Tunstall, outlines the arguments for a sector deal for the learning disabilities sector to create an umbrella group to be the central point of contact to negotiate deals to improve access to assistive technologies.

## **Statistics**

<u>People with learning disabilities in England</u> Updates of national statistics about people with learning disabilities in England and the services and support available to them and their families.

#### Resource

Good practice advice to maintain a healthy life Lancaster University has been working with the Voluntary Organisations Disability Group (VODG) on a new resource for social care providers outlining good practice on food and drink provision for people using care services.

# Survey

<u>Public attitudes survey</u> New survey on public attitudes towards autism to try and understand more about the experiences that autistic adults and children, along with their families, have in public places.

### News

Reasonable adjustment flags to be integrated with patient record systems. NHS Digital is trialling the reasonable adjustment flag on patient records that alerts health and care staff if a patient has a learning disability and has specific requirements for care services. The reasonable adjustment flag is a national record that indicates whether adjustments are required for a patient who has significant impairments.

Improving the Uptake of Annual Health Checks Current evidence already shows that these checks identify unmet health needs and reduce inequalities however, only 53% of people with a learning disability are having their Annual Health Check.