

Task and Finish Group: LD and Autism [03/04/2020]

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Discussion points

- Infection control in residential and supported living environments
- Infection control and advice for carers and individuals in family homes
- General advice for Carers i.e. support if cared for is admitted to hospital, support with care should services or PAs drop away
- Ensuring equality of health care delivery at point of contact (safeguarding), and crossover with NHSE
- Exercise and ability to access community with additional workers, reasonable adjustments – potential police advice
- Communications across the sector and public

Background

- **MH** and **DN** spoke about the discussions they had with the sector and care providers which prompted this workstream; **DN** especially pointed towards feedback from people living with families and the need for guidance, which could apply more widely.
- Push around PPE, home care provisions, older people – DHSC not receiving the same level of challenge or push for LD/Autism and settings such as supported living
- Aim of T&F group – to scope out what the gaps are in existing guidance (policy note attached), to better protect people in this period and achieve better outcomes for all
- Information from Spain and Italy (attached) shows a disproportionate mortality rate for those with LD and/or Autism – how can we be more proactive and what can we do?
- SCIE will pull together a document, **HC** to lead, on best practice with focus on day-to-day practice, and begin to shape the provider market and people with LD/Autism and carers
- Timeline for guidance: 7-10 days, quick turnaround

Discussion summary