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## Wales' new health profile



We have been working with partners on a new **Health Profile** for people with learning disabilities in Wales.



The **Health Profile** will help people with learning disabilities to get good, safe healthcare at the time they need it.



To celebrate **Learning Disability Week 2020** we had a meeting today with our partners. We talked about our plans to launch the **Health Profile**.

# About the Health Profile

**Health Profile's** will have information about:



- your health
- your care and support needs
- the best ways to communicate with you.



You can take your **Health Profile** with you when you go to hospital. Or to see health and social care staff.



Health and social care staff will use the information in your **Health Profile** to support you in a way that best meets your needs.

## About today's meeting

We had a meeting over the internet today with our partners from lots of different organisations including:



- Learning Disability Wales
- All Wales Forum of Parents and Carers
- Mencap Cymru
- All Wales People First

There was a video from Professor Jean White, the Chief Nursing Officer for Wales. And we also heard from:



- Professor Ruth Northway from University of South Wales
- Sharon Williams and Paula Phillips Learning Disability Cymru programme team.

### **Professor Jean White said:**

It is more important than ever before to make sure people with a learning disability are getting the right healthcare.

Thank you to Improvement Cymru, the University of South Wales and all the partners who have worked together on this really important tool.



### **Professor Ruth Northway said:**

Communication is really important. It can sometimes be difficult for people with learning disabilities to explain how their health is. This can sometimes mean they do not get the care they need.

The aim of the Health Profile is to stop this from happening. We will have 1 tool for the whole of Wales. This will help all healthcare staff understand what it is and how to use it.

We have also written information to help everyone use the Health Profile. Including people with learning disabilities and their families and carers.



### **Sharon Williams said:**

We have worked closely with our partners and people with learning disabilities to make sure the **Health Profile** really works for people.

We have also made other tools and resources to support people with learning disabilities get the best healthcare. We will put these on the Improvement Cymru website with the **Health Profile** in **July 2020**.





The **Health** Profile and other documents can be used from **July 2020**.



This work is part of the **Learning Disability Improving Lives Programme**.



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