



# **February 2011**

## **Easy read report**



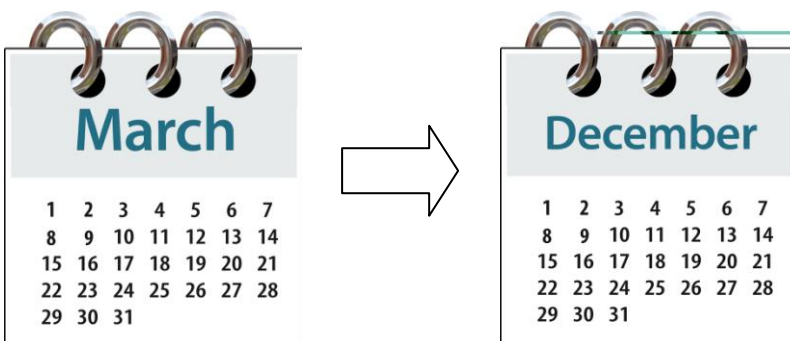
## Section 1: Why are we doing this work?



We know that people with learning disabilities have poorer health and die younger than other people.



The Department of Health gave a team based at Norah Fry Research Centre some money to see what we can learn from the deaths of people with learning disabilities.



We started this work in March 2010. This report tells you what we did from March 2010 until December 2010.

## Section 2: What are we doing?



We want to find out if there is anything we can change to improve the health of people with learning disabilities and help them to live longer.



We are looking at what has been done well.

We are also looking at what has gone wrong.

### Step 1



We are told of the death of a person with learning disabilities. This is usually by phone or email.

### Step 2



We send out forms to the professionals who worked with the person who has died.

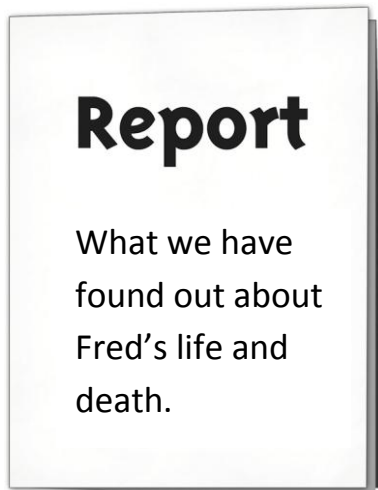
## Step 3



An investigator finds out as much as possible about the care that the person had.

A nurse visits and talks to the family or friends of the person if possible. The nurse finds out about the life of the person who has died.

## Step 4



For each person who has died we hold a meeting to talk about everything we have found out.

A report is written about what we have found out about the health and social care that person got.

## Step 5



We have a team of experts who know different things about learning disability.

- They meet and talk about everything we have found out.
- They think about what works well for people with learning disabilities.
- They also think about what we can do better.



All our findings will be written into a report for the Department of Health.

We will also write an easy read report so people with learning disabilities know what we have found.

### Section 3: Where and why are we doing this work?

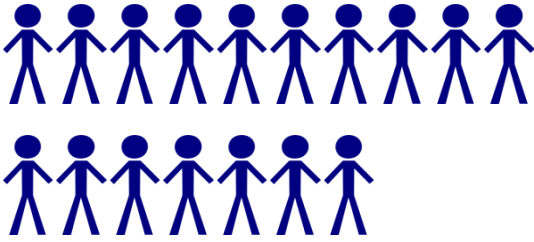


We are working in 5 health areas in the South West of England.

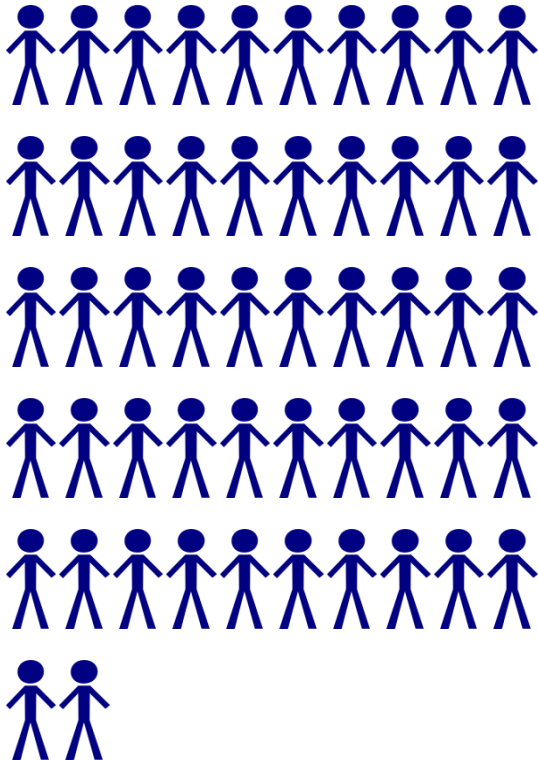


We want our findings to be useful for people all over England.

## Section 4: What have we done so far?



We have found out everything we can about the deaths of 17 people with learning disabilities.



We are still finding out more about the deaths of 52 people with learning disabilities.

## Section 5: Improving Health and Lives Team



We are working with the Improving Health and Lives Team. This is the PHO.

Together we can find the best way to make our findings useful for people with learning disabilities.

## Section 6: What have we found already?



There have been a lot more deaths of people with learning disabilities than we expected.

We are trying to find out why this is.



Our results show that people with learning disabilities are dying younger than people without learning disabilities.

## Section 7: What next?



The Department of Health have told us they will give us more money to carry on this work until March 2013.



We need to find out more about people from different ethnic backgrounds.



We also want to compare deaths of people with learning disabilities with the deaths of people who did not have learning disabilities.

This will help us to learn more about how to make services better for people with learning disabilities.