

# Learning disabilities annual health check

Working with a number of GP's and other healthcare professionals, we've designed a template to help you care for your patients with learning disabilities.

People with learning disabilities can find it difficult to recognise illness, leading to poorer physical and mental health and they often die younger than other people. Many of these deaths are avoidable. The Equality Act 2010 requires that primary and secondary care provide fair access and treatment to people with learning disabilities.

Evidence shows annual health checks with these patient's increases investigations, assessments, medication reviews and referrals and results in the identification of treatable health conditions.

## About the learning disabilities annual health check template

We've built this template to help you record health checks for your patients with learning disabilities. The template is systematic and code based, using information already recorded on the patient's record.

Various users can complete the template. An appropriately qualified non-medical practitioner can complete the first two pages of the template and the last two pages completed by a GP or other appropriately qualified practitioner.

Learning disabilities annual health check - Template Runner

**Template Runner**

Pages

- General Details
- Screening and Advice
- GP Assessment 1
- GP Assessment 2
- Template Information

**Learning Disability Annual Health Check**

People with learning disabilities (LD) have poorer physical and mental health than other people and die younger. Many of these deaths are avoidable and not inevitable.

Annual Health Checks can identify undetected health conditions early, ensure the appropriateness of ongoing treatments and establish trust and continuity care.

GPs and practice nurses have the much needed generalist skills to help people with LD get timely access to increasing complex health systems.

The link below will launch the RCGP guidelines.  
[RCGP Annual health check for people with learning disabilities - toolkit](#)

**Disability Details**

Remember to ask the person with a learning disability or their carer if they have any specific concerns or issues they wish to cover whilst performing the health check.

Disability severity  No previous entry  
Text More information about this person's learning disability

Autistic Disorder No previous entry

**Support & Patient Information**


Under care of social services No previous entry

Social worker involved No previous entry

Keyworker Details

Has a carer?  No previous entry

Referral for carers's assessment required?  No previous entry

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### Learning disabilities annual health check template

Information entered into the health check template automatically transfers into an Action Plan for your patient. A prompt to print this action plan is displayed after completing the template.

GP's, Learning Disability nurses and technical staff have all piloted the template in practice. It's been through a rigorous review as part of the GP Contract negotiations with the General Practitioner Committee and meets the requirements of the Enhanced Service.

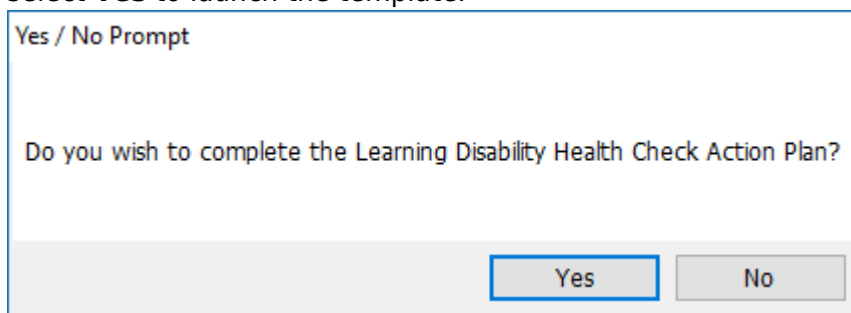
## Using the learning disability health check template

To use the learning disability health check action plan, you need to launch the Health Check Action Plan Launch and Print protocol. You'll find this protocol in Template Manager > Templates & Protocols >DES Protocols.

The protocol is released **inactive** and you'll need to activate it before you can use it.

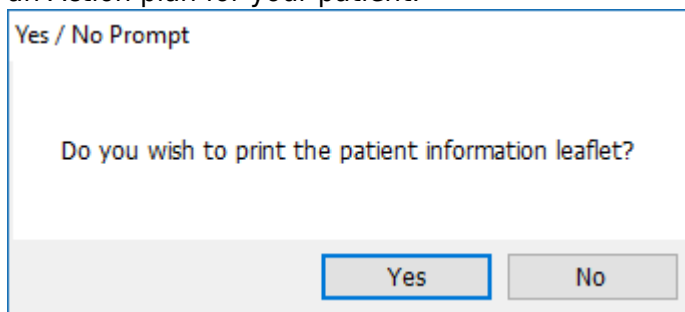
1. Press **F12** to open the Protocol launcher.
2. Do one of the following:
  - a. Click **Select and launch...** and find the Health Check Action Plan Launch and Print protocol to launch or;

- b. Add the Health Check Action Plan Launch and Print Protocol to your protocol launcher and double-click it.
3. A prompt is displayed asking if you want to complete the Learning Disability Check Action Plan, select **Yes** to launch the template.



*Prompt to launch the template*

4. Once complete, click **Save** to save to your patient's record.
5. A prompt is displayed asking if you want to print the patient information leaflet, select **Yes** to print an Action plan for your patient.



*Prompt to print the action plan*

6. If your patient has an end of life care plan, a prompt is displayed to print a second leaflet with information about their end of life care, select **Yes** to print.

If you want to look at the template separately you'll find it in Template Manager > Templates & protocols > Primary Care Templates > Learning Disabilities HCAP

## Demonstration of the learning disabilities template

We'll be holding a demonstration of the learning disability annual health check template, covering how to use the template, on the 7th July. At the end of the session you can give your thoughts and questions in the live Q&A.

For more information, and to sign up to the demonstration, check our EMIS Library demonstrations page.

## Further reading

- Step by step guide to the Health check.
- Learning disabilities health check scheme.
- NHS information on annual health checks.

- NHS England overview of the learning disabilities template.