Clinical assessment and management of pneumonia risk factors for people with learning disabilities – a guide for health care professionals

Make every contact count

- Pneumonia has been the leading cause of mortality for people with learning disabilities since the Learning from Lives and deaths (LeDeR) began in 2017.
- Community acquired pneumonia for people with learning disabilities causes an increased risk of hospitalisation, a risk of longer stays and a higher rate of readmission than the wider population (BTS 2023)
- There are modifiable risk factors that, if optimised can reduce risk of developing pneumonia for people with learning disabilities (BTS 2023)
- Its everyone's business to be aware of these and refer for help.

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