

Finding out about Virtual Wards information sheet



We want to learn about what people with learning disabilities, or autistic people think or know about Virtual Wards.



Virtual wards are sometimes called Hospital at home.

Virtual wards mean you stay at home instead of going to the hospital if you are very ill, so you get the healthcare you need at home instead of in a hospital.



This sheet is to help you understand why this work is being done and what taking part would involve for you.



This work is being done by people from the National Development Team for Inclusion (NDTi). We are part of The Valuing People Alliance, which consists of 7 organisations.



The British Institute of Learning Disabilities (BILD)



Learning Disability England



The National Development Team for Inclusion (NDTi)



Voluntary Organisations Disability Group (VODG)



Foundation for People with learning disabilities



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We want to understand and see the right kinds of reasonable adjustments built into the virtual wards.



Reasonable adjustments are small changes that can help people with a learning disability to be treated equally. The law says that reasonable adjustments should be put in place. It is your right to ask for reasonable adjustments



Please ask a member of the NDTi team if you have any questions about this information.

Why are we doing this piece of work?



As virtual wards are going to be used more, we want to make sure that people with learning disabilities and autistic people are not excluded.



We want to find out how virtual wards work for people who share their accommodation with others, for example in supported living.



We also want to find out how virtual wards will impact people living on their own or with family members.



We will write up our findings in a short, guide so people with a learning disability or autistic people can be better supported at home by health professionals, carers, loved ones or family members in a Virtual Ward.

What will taking part involve?



You can fill out a survey telling us what you know or think about Virtual Wards.



The survey is anonymous. This means we won't know who you are.



Once you have filled in the survey we **WILL NOT** be able to remove your answers.



This is because we won't know who you are.

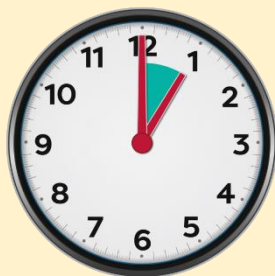


If you would you like to join a small group conversation in the Autumn to talk to us more about this, please email equallivesteam@ndti.org.uk

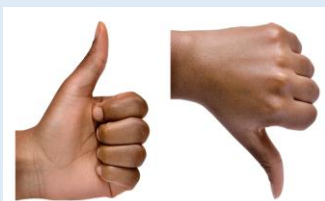
What will happen to me if I want to take part in a focus group?



You will fill out a form to say that you want to take part in the group chat.



The group will last about 1 hour.



If you change your mind and don't want to carry on being involved in the work, you do not have to



You can ask us to destroy any information you have given us or notes we have taken during the focus group.



You may wish to talk to us on the phone one-to-one.



A one-to-one phone call will last about 30 minutes.

Your information



We will keep what you tell us somewhere safe.

We will not use your name or any place names in the notes we make or report we write.

How long will we have your information for?



NDTi will keep our notes and survey responses until September 2024.



NDTi will destroy our copy of our notes and survey responses after this date.

How will we keep your information safe?



NDTi's copy of our notes and survey responses will be stored on NDTi computers that are secure.

The folders with our notes and your survey responses in will be password protected.

Only the team doing this work will be able to see our notes and your survey responses.

What are your rights?



The right to be informed

NDTi must give you information about how they are using your information.



The right of access

NDTi will let you have your information quickly if you ask for it.



The right to rectification

If NDTi hold information about you that is wrong, you have the right to have this corrected.



The right to erasure

You can ask NDTi to get rid of your information at any time.

What is good about taking part?



We hope you will enjoy taking part.

You will be helping improve things for people with learning disabilities and autistic people when they are unwell and need a virtual ward at home.

You will also help raise awareness and understanding of virtual wards, so people can make a meaningful choice should the offer of a virtual ward be made.

What might be difficult about taking part?



You might find some questions difficult to answer.

You can stop at any time and do not have to answer any questions you don't want to.

When will this piece of work end?



This piece of work will end in March 2024.

Who are NDTi?



The National Development Team for Inclusion (NDTi) is the organisation leading this evaluation.

NDTi is a 'not for profit' organisation that aims to make things better for people who need support.



To find out more about NDTi visit our website at www.ndti.org.uk

Who can I talk to about this piece of work?



If you want to ask a question about the project, please ring **Lyn** from NDTi.



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If you want to complain about anything to do with this project, please contact:
Madeline Cooper, NDTi Learning Disability Programme Lead.



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If you would like more information about how we will be using your information, please contact Sally Richens, Director of Resources and Executive Director at National Development Team for Inclusion.



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If you would like to speak to someone independent, you can contact The Information Commissioner.

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