Scottish Borders Learning Disability Data



Data from the Scottish Commission for People with Learning Disabilities shows that in The Scottish Borders in 2019, there were 555 adults with learning disabilities known to The Scottish Borders Council.

Employment

According to data from the 2011 Census provided by the Scottish Learning Disability Observatory (SLDO) 11.3% of adults with learning disabilities have paid employment, compared with 58.2% of all adults.





Education

According to the 2023 pupil census, in the Scottish Borders, there are 57 pupils with a learning disability receiving support in primary school and 86 pupils with a learning disability receiving support in secondary schools, 143 in total.

Health

According to data from the 2011 Census provided by the SLDO, only 15.5% of people with learning disabilities rate their health as very good, compared with 53.1% of all people.





Housing

Data from 2011 Census provided by the SLDO shows 55.7% of people with learning disabilities live in social rented accommodation, compared with 19.7% of all people.

Out of Area Placements

According to the 2018 Coming Home Report by the Scottish Government, there were 30 people in out-of-area placements in the Scottish Borders Health and Social Care Partnership.





Delayed Discharge

According to the inpatient census, in 2018 NHS Borders had 53 patients who were in psychiatric, addiction or learning disability beds in NHS Scotland.

In Scotland, 11% of adult inpatients had a diagnosis for either a learning disability or autism.

The average length of delay in discharge in Scotland was just over 2 months.

National Statistics

Number of people with learning disabilities in Scotland

Data from SCLD shows that in 2019, there were 23,584 people with learning disabilities known to local authorities in Scotland. However, according to Fraser of Allander, estimates put the actual number of people with learning disabilities as high as 175,000.





Positive Destination

Data from the Summary Statistics for Follow up Leaver Destinations, 2022, shows that in 2020/21 88% of pupils with learning disabilities went onto a positive destination, compared with 97% of pupils without learning disabilities.

Attainment

Data from the Summary Statistics for attainment and initial leavers destination, 2022 showed that in 2020/21 17.4% of pupils with a learning disability had no NQ qualifications at level 2 or better, compared with 0.9% of pupils without a learning disability.

