Dumfries and Galloway Learning Disability Data

Data from the Scottish Commission for People with Learning Disabilities shows that in Dumfries and Galloway in 2019, there were 900 adults with learning disabilities known to Dumfries and Galloway Council.

Employment

According to data from the 2011 Census provided by the Scottish Learning Disability Observatory (SLDO) 8.7% of adults with learning disabilities have paid employment, compared with 55.9% of all adults.

Education

According to the 2023 pupil census, in Dumfries and Galloway, there are 151 pupils with a learning disability receiving support in primary school and 123 pupils with a learning disability receiving support in secondary schools, 274 in total. The census also shows that there are 21 special school pupils with additional support needs in the local authority.

Health

Data from SLDO shows only 16.6% of people with learning disabilities rate their health as very good, compared with 49.1% of all people.

Housing

Data from SLDO shows 44.3% of people with learning disabilities live in social rented accommodation, compared with 18.1% of all people.

Out of Area Placements

In Dumfries and Galloway according to the 2018 Coming Home Report, there were 12 people out-of-area in Dumfries and Galloway compared with a total of 705 in Scotland.

Of the 705 people, 16% were marked as having a mild learning disability. 42% as having a moderate learning disability. 25% as having a severe learning disability and finally, 7% as having a profound learning disability.













Delayed Discharge

According to the inpatient census, 2022 NHS Dumfries and Galloway had 68 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.

