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Draft Guidance Overall

Down Syndrome Act 2022:
draft guidance





Department
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What services should do to support
people with Down syndrome



About the draft guidance



The Down Syndrome Act 2022 is a law to help make life better for people with Down syndrome and their families and carers.



As part of the law, the government has written some **draft guidance**.



Guidance is like rules that services should follow.



Draft means that some things may still change in it.



We are asking people what they think about the draft guidance.



This is an easy read of the **Down Syndrome Act 2022: draft statutory guidance**.



It tells you about the main things in the longer guidance.



This easy read still has a lot of pages. You do not have to read it all at once.

You might want to take breaks. Or you could just read the bits you want to.

Who needs to follow this guidance:



- **Healthcare services** like local doctors, nurses, hospitals and dentists.



- **Local council services.**

These services make sure towns and cities have what they need for people to live well.

Things like schools, roads and support for people who need it.



- **Social care services.**

These services give people care and support when they need it.

This might be at home, in the local community or in a care home.



- **Education services** like schools, colleges and universities.



- **Employers and job services.**

An **employer** is the place or the person someone works for.



- **Housing services** that help to find homes for people.



People with Down syndrome, their families and carers can also read these rules.

It will help them understand what support they should get from services.

People with similar conditions or a learning disability

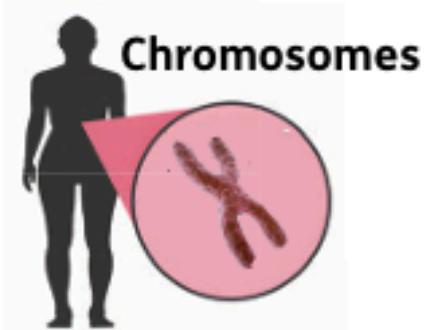


Some people have similar needs to people with Down syndrome.



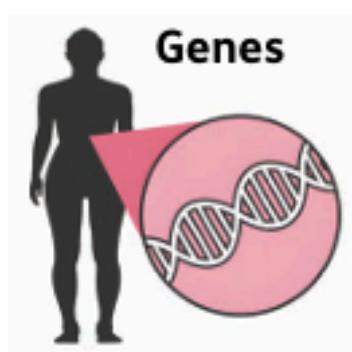
This might be people who have a **chromosomal** or **genetic** condition.

Or this might be people with a learning disability.



Chromosomes are tiny parts of you that tell your body how to work.

A chromosomal condition is when you have a change in your chromosomes.



Genes are tiny parts of you that control different things about you. Things like how you grow or how different parts of your body work.

A genetic condition is when you have a change in a **gene**.



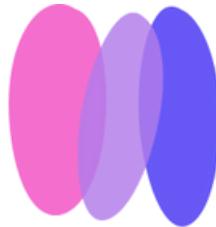
When chromosomes and genes change, it can cause health problems or a disability.



When services follow the guidance, it should help people with similar conditions or a learning disability too.

National Down Syndrome Policy Group

CHANGING THE NARRATIVE



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Tell us what you think



This survey is for:

- People with Down syndrome and their families and carers.
- People with similar conditions or a learning disability and their families and carers.

It is now your turn to complete the
draft guidance survey.



People with Down syndrome have already said they think that all services should have special training about Down syndrome.

Special training on Down syndrome would help with:



Making sure needs are not missed.



Fair treatment for people with Down syndrome.



People with Down syndrome living the life they choose.



Better inclusion for people with Down syndrome.

Questions about the draft guidance overall



Question: Does the draft guidance make it clear what help and services people with Down syndrome can expect to get?



Yes



No



I don't know



Question: Will the draft guidance make things better for people with Down syndrome and their families and carers?



Yes



No



I don't know



Question: Do you want to tell us anything else about the things in the draft guidance? Please write your answer in this box.



Thank you for answering these questions.



If you want to, you can finish the survey now.



If you are happy to answer more questions, please go to the next page.



You don't have to answer all of the questions. You can stop at any time.