

# **TIME TO ACT**

## **Understanding the impact of Covid-19 on disabled people in the north of England**

### **Easy read report**

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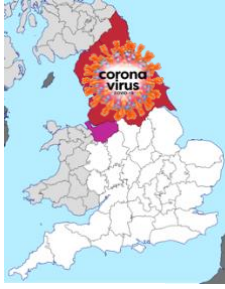
This report is about how the Covid-19 pandemic has affected disabled people who live in the north of England.



Disabled people were more likely to die from Covid-19.



There are **proportionally** more disabled people living in the North than there are in the rest of England. This means that out of a group of 100 people who live in the North, more of these people are disabled compared to the number of disabled people in a group of 100 people from the rest of England.



There have been **proportionally** more cases of Covid-19 in the North than there have been in the rest of England.



In this report we looked at four areas: health, work, welfare and education.



## What we found out about health



Lots of disabled people have reported that they have been unable to access the healthcare and treatment they needed because of the pandemic.



More disabled people have reported feeling worried and lonely during the pandemic than non-disabled people.



Disabled people in the north of England felt less happy and more worried than disabled people in other parts of England.



Less money per person is spent caring for people who have long term needs in the North than in other parts of England.

## What we found out about work



Before the pandemic, disabled people who lived in the North were less likely to be employed than disabled people who lived elsewhere in England.



Lots of employers were unsure about how to best support disabled people during the pandemic. This made some employers less likely to hire disabled people.

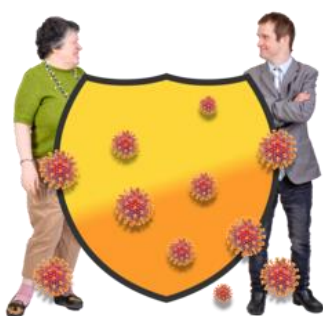


Across the UK, hourly wages were likely to be lower for disabled people than for non-disabled people.

## What we found out about welfare



Cuts and changes to **social security** are likely to have made things challenging for disabled people who need to rely on this financial support.



During the pandemic, lots of disabled people were asked to shield. But problems with the support offered to people who were **shielding** meant that some people experienced delays in receiving the support they needed.



## What we found out about education



During the lockdowns, parents of disabled children were concerned about the amount of home schooling their child was getting. Lots of parents were able to send their disabled children to school but were worried about their child's health so decided to keep them at home instead.



Once schools re-opened, many more students needed to **self-isolate** in the North of England due to higher numbers of Covid-19 compared to other regions. This is likely to have caused more challenges for parents of disabled children who might have been at a higher risk of getting poorly from the virus.

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