Blood tests and injections for people with learning disabilities: making reasonable adjustments

Easy-read summary
There are lots of reasons why someone might need to have a blood test.

Blood tests can help to find out if something is wrong. They can also help doctors find out what is wrong.

Blood tests can be used to check if treatment is working.

Some people with learning disabilities are scared of needles. This might mean they don’t want to have a blood test or an injection.

The law says public services should put ‘reasonable adjustments’ in place to help people with learning disabilities use services.
This means they need to change their services so they are easier to use.

This report has examples of easy-read information and films. These can be used to help people with learning disabilities who need a blood test or injection.

This report has examples of how local services have put reasonable adjustments in place. These can help people with learning disabilities cope with having a blood test or an injection.

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