

Road to Recovery Roundtable Talk Summary [Easy-read format]

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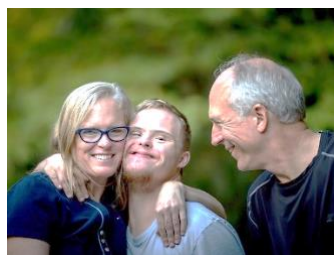
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This is the Road to Recovery Project **team**.

The team invited people to participate in an online chat on November 1, 2021.

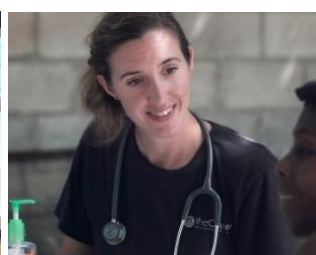
Many people participated in the online chat. They were:



Parents



Teachers



Nurses & social workers



Charities



The team wanted to know how the coronavirus pandemic changed the lives of children with learning disabilities in the UK.

The team asked people this question:

“How was life during the lockdown and after it?”

This is what the parents said:



Parents felt they did not get the help they needed.

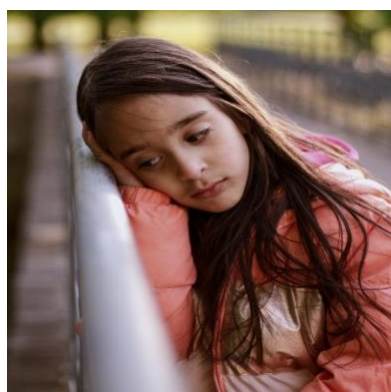


It was hard for parents to home-school their children.



It was hard for many children to be in lockdown and to have to stay in the house.

It was hard for some children to understand why they can't go to school or go out to play.



Some children are now feeling more stressed or more afraid.

Parents feel like they need more help now.

This is what the [teachers and education experts](#) said:



Many children could not go to therapy during lockdown.

Children could not do fun group activities with other children.

Many parents did not know what to do with their children during the day.



It was hard for some children to learn at home.
Some children went to learning centres.
Some schools were still open, but not all.



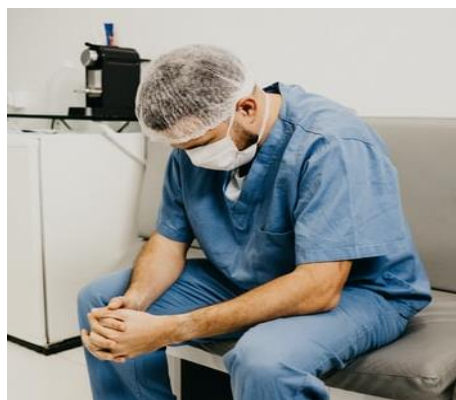
It was hard for some children to go back to their schools after the lockdown.

Teachers are not able to take students on trips because they need to stay safe.

This is what the [nurses and social workers](#) said:



Parents and caregivers felt a lot of stress during the lockdown.



Some nurses and social workers felt tired and needed support.

Many nurses and social workers quit their jobs.



Working from home was difficult for many nurses and social workers.

This is what the charity workers said:



It was not clear for many charities if they needed to close or stay open during the lockdown.

Many activities stopped.



Many families did not get the help they needed.



Many parents felt alone.



Some parents had to quit their jobs to take care of their children.

It is not easy now for families to 'go back to normal'.



Many charity workers quit their jobs.

We need more charity workers now.

The Project Team will be telling the government about these problems.

We need to find better solutions for children and families!

