

Orkney Islands

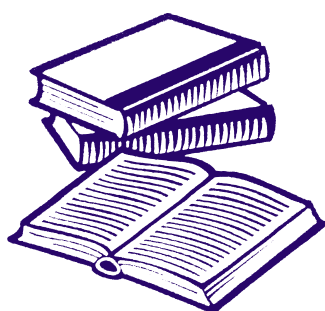
Learning Disability Data



Data from the Scottish Commission for People with Learning Disabilities shows that in Orkney in 2019 there were 91 adults with learning disabilities known to Orkney Islands Council.

Employment

According to data from the 2011 Census provided by the Scottish Learning Disability Observatory (SLDO) 12.9% of adults with learning disabilities have paid employment, compared with 64.4% of all adults.



Education

According to the 2023 pupil census, in the Orkney Islands, there are 22 pupils with a learning disability receiving support in primary school and 29 pupils with a learning disability receiving support in secondary schools, 51 in total.

Health

Data from SLDO shows only 27.7% of people with learning disabilities rate their health as very good, compared with 54.1% of all people.



Housing

34.1% of people with learning disabilities live in social rented accommodation, compared with 12.4% of all people.

Out of Area Placements

In Orkney according to the 2018 Coming Home report, there were less than 5 people out-of-area in Orkney 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

NHS Orkney do not have any mental health, learning disability, or addiction inpatient beds and as a result their patients are treated by other health boards or healthcare providers on their behalf.

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.

