NHS England and the Association of Directors of Social Services (ADASS) think it is important to check how health and support services are working for people with learning disabilities.

As part of the Transforming Care Programme they said they would ask all areas to do the Self Assessment as a way of checking what is happening in each area and across the country.

What is a Joint Health and Social Care Learning Disability Self-Assessment Framework?

This is information that is collected every year by the different Councils across England.

Local Councils work with the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) and with people and families in their area.

Together they check on how health and social care services for people with a learning disability are working.
How is the information used?
It provides information to show how local services are working and also information about the different types of support available to people across England.

They collect lots of information about how people are supported to:

• Stay healthy
• Be safe
• Live well

The information is then used to make plans for services in local areas so that the lives of people with learning disabilities can be much better.

Feedback from last years Self-Assessment Framework

A lot of people said that the Self-Assessment Framework helps to decide what is important to improve the health and lives of people with learning disabilities.
People said that the Self-Assessment Framework took a long time to do.

It was also difficult to find information about people with learning disabilities in local areas.

**What is happening about the Self-Assessment Framework in 2015**

Public Health England is working with the Health & Social Care Information Centre so that they can get lots of good information about the numbers of people with a learning disability in England.

We will collect **anonymous** information which is safe to share with other people in the NHS and Social Care. This information does not include your name or any other personal information which could identify you.
All of the information collected will be looked at by senior leaders from ADASS and NHS England in their local areas.

They will meet to discuss and agree what is most important in their area. People with learning disabilities and family carer's will also be part of this.

Local areas will not have to collect any information for 2015.

There will be some more information about this soon.
What is the plan for 2016?

A group will be set up with experts from the:

- National Forum for People with Learning Disabilities
- National Valuing Families Forum
- Department of Health
- ADASS
- Public Health England
- NHS England

What will they do?

The group will make suggestions and give their ideas for a new form that can be used every year for the Self-Assessment process.
When will this happen?

Public Health England will get information in the late Autumn 2015 (this will depend on when information is available from the Health and Social Care Information Centre).

Improvement planning meetings to take place by the end of February 2016.

A new Joint Health and Social Care Learning Disability Self – Assessment Framework will be launched in April 2016.

More information

You can find the results of last years Joint Health and Social Care Self Assessment Framework 2014 by clicking on this link https://www.improvinghealthandlives.org.uk/projects/jhscsaf2014results