







Ethics in research

an easy read guide

	<p>Ethics is about right and wrong behaviour</p>
	<p>It is about choices we make everyday</p>
	<p>Sometimes it is not easy to know what is right and what is wrong</p>
	<p>We need rules and human rights to help us</p>
	<p>A code of ethics is a set of rules to help us make good choices</p>
	<p>We use a code of ethics in our research</p>



In our research, the rules say



People should understand the research



People must agree we can do the research with them



The research must not harm anyone



The research must help people



People should be seen and heard










But information about them should be private



We must respect everyone in the research

People with profound and multiple learning disabilities and research

 Two individuals are shown in wheelchairs. The person on the left is wearing a blue jacket and white pants, while the person on the right is wearing a black top and dark pants. They appear to be in a casual setting.	<p>People who have PMLD are people first! They have feelings and experiences. They find communication difficult</p>
 A collection of mobile devices displaying social media content. There is a smartphone on the left, a tablet in the center, and another smartphone on the right, all showing various social media profiles and posts.	<p>They may not understand social media</p>
 A graphic with the word "Consent" at the top. Below it is a green checkmark, and to the right is a red circle with a white "X" over it, indicating a lack of consent or a problem with the consent process.	<p>They may not be able to consent to online sharing</p>
 A person in a wheelchair is seated in the center. A woman stands behind them, and another person is partially visible to the left. The scene is framed by a simple black outline of a house, suggesting a home care environment.	<p>So parent-carers may consent for them</p>
 A thought bubble is positioned above two people who are engaged in conversation. The man on the left is looking towards the woman on the right, who has her hand to her chin in a listening pose.	<p>Can we explain online sharing?</p>
 A magnifying glass is focused on a group of five diverse people who are sitting together and looking towards the camera. A large blue circular arrow surrounds the magnifying glass, suggesting a process of investigation or involvement.	<p>How can we involve them?</p>
 A glowing yellow lightbulb is shown in the upper left corner. Below it, a man in a red shirt is sitting in a wheelchair and pointing upwards with his right hand, indicating an idea or a point of interest.	<p>What are your ideas?</p>