

Why join the ASL?

Any organisation providing supported living for people with learning disabilities that aspires to meet the REACH 2 standards may join the ASL.

The current member organisations of the ASL support over 14,000 people with learning disabilities with combined annual budgets of over £500 million:

Benefits of membership of the ASL include:

- Membership of the only national network dedicated to promoting supported living for adults with learning disabilities
- A free place at the ASL's annual conference and additional discounted places
- An opportunity to shape the development of supported living at a national level
- An opportunity to express your views on issues related to supported living directly to the government and its agencies
- Copies of REACH 2 at the ASL member's rate of £20
- A range of networking opportunities at regular organised ASL events

Membership fees:

Less than £1 million turnover	£250
£1 million - £5 million turnover	£500
£5 million plus turnover	£750



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What is the ASL?

The **Association for Supported Living** is a not for profit association comprising of support and housing providers, in England, providing supported living for people with learning disabilities.

The **purpose** of the ASL is to extend the opportunity for supported living to all people with learning disabilities who see supported living as part of their preferred lifestyle.

The **role** of the ASL is to broker the progression of supported living based on the collective membership of committed provider organisations, and other interested groups or individuals.



The objectives of the ASL are:

- To provide a central source of support, information and knowledge - sharing amongst all participating members.
- To address the key barriers affecting the development of supported living as they are seen by members.
- To lead on the development of best practice as it relates to supported living.
- To advocate for supported living as an accessible lifestyle option for people, irrespective of how much support they need to live their daily lives.
- To influence the development of national policy through dialogue with government and its agents for change.

How does the ASL achieve its objectives?

The ASL represents the views of its members to government and other agencies, at a national level. The ASL is a member of the Department of Health's Learning Disability Task Force and the joint Healthcare Commission/Commission for Social Care Inspection's Learning Disability Improvement Board. The ASL, on behalf of members, has opened dialogues with the office of the Deputy Prime Minister Supporting People, and the Leading People Support Team. Each year the ASL holds a national conference and other member consultative events. In partnership with the Leading People Support Team the ASL commissioned a paradigm to revise the REACH standards. REACH 2 defines supported living for people with learning disabilities and is an extremely useful tool to help provider organisations ensure compliance with domiciliary Care Standards and Supporting People.