

Learning Logs

Daily care notes document daily activity. Learning Logs give you the chance to separate out specific activities that apply towards good outcomes.

Fill out one line of the Learning Log when something significant happens that helps you learn how to better encourage the person. Learning Logs should also be kept when the person has a negative reaction to something in the environment that might stop them from achieving the desired outcome. Things that make the person very happy or sad, things you learn that they like very much or that they dislike that you did not know before.

Think of learning logs as things that you learn about the person while trying new things that you and the rest of the team can use to build upon.

You may not have something to write for every single question of the Learning Log. That is okay. For instance, if you are writing a Learning Log about something that worked very well, you might not have anything to write in the column that asks what did not work well.

If you are set up on the Imagine IS system by your service coordinator, please enter learning logs in to the system directly (see the instructions behind the Learning Log form). Otherwise, use the form on the next page to enter Learning Log activity. Take a picture of that form or scan it and Email it to you service coordinator on a regular basis.

How often should you write a Learning Log? How often does the person you support have an exceptional day, good or bad? If everyone on the team documents activities that contribute to this, patterns can be drawn to improve the chance of re-creating the exceptionally good days and avoiding bad ones. The quality of their life can be increased.