LDSQ
Screening for intellectual disabilities in adults

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• 7 items which are quick and easy to administer and score.

• Can be completed with or by the individual or someone who knows him/her well.

• No training required: administration and scoring instructions are provided in the manual.

• Age range 16 years upwards.
The LDSQ is a valid and reliable tool to help identify adults who are likely to have an intellectual disability.

The LDSQ was developed to help those who work with adults who are suspected of having an intellectual disability have a quick and easy indication of whether they do.

It can discriminate with high levels of accuracy between those who have an intellectual disability and those who do not.

It can be completed quickly with minimum demands on the individual, carer or professional completing it.

It is based on research, is valid and reliable.

It does not require intensive and time-consuming assessment.
The **LDSQ** discriminates between those who potentially have an intellectual disability and those who do not. This may be useful to:

1. Quickly identify appropriate services for an individual.
2. Reduce the wait for initial assessment.
3. Allow resources to be targeted at those who need them most.
4. Identify individuals who may be vulnerable within our health, criminal justice and other social systems.
5. Provide a means of discriminating between groups for research purposes.
LDSQ Standardisation

Standardised with 254 adults who were referred to community intellectual disability services and forensic services.
LDSQ Validity and Reliability

The LDSQ scores of those with an intellectual disability were significantly lower than those without.

The LDSQ scores correlated significantly with IQ scores as measured by an intellectual assessment.

The LDSQ could identify those with an intellectual disability with 91% accuracy and those without with 87% accuracy.

Inter-rater reliability was significant for each item on the questionnaire.


