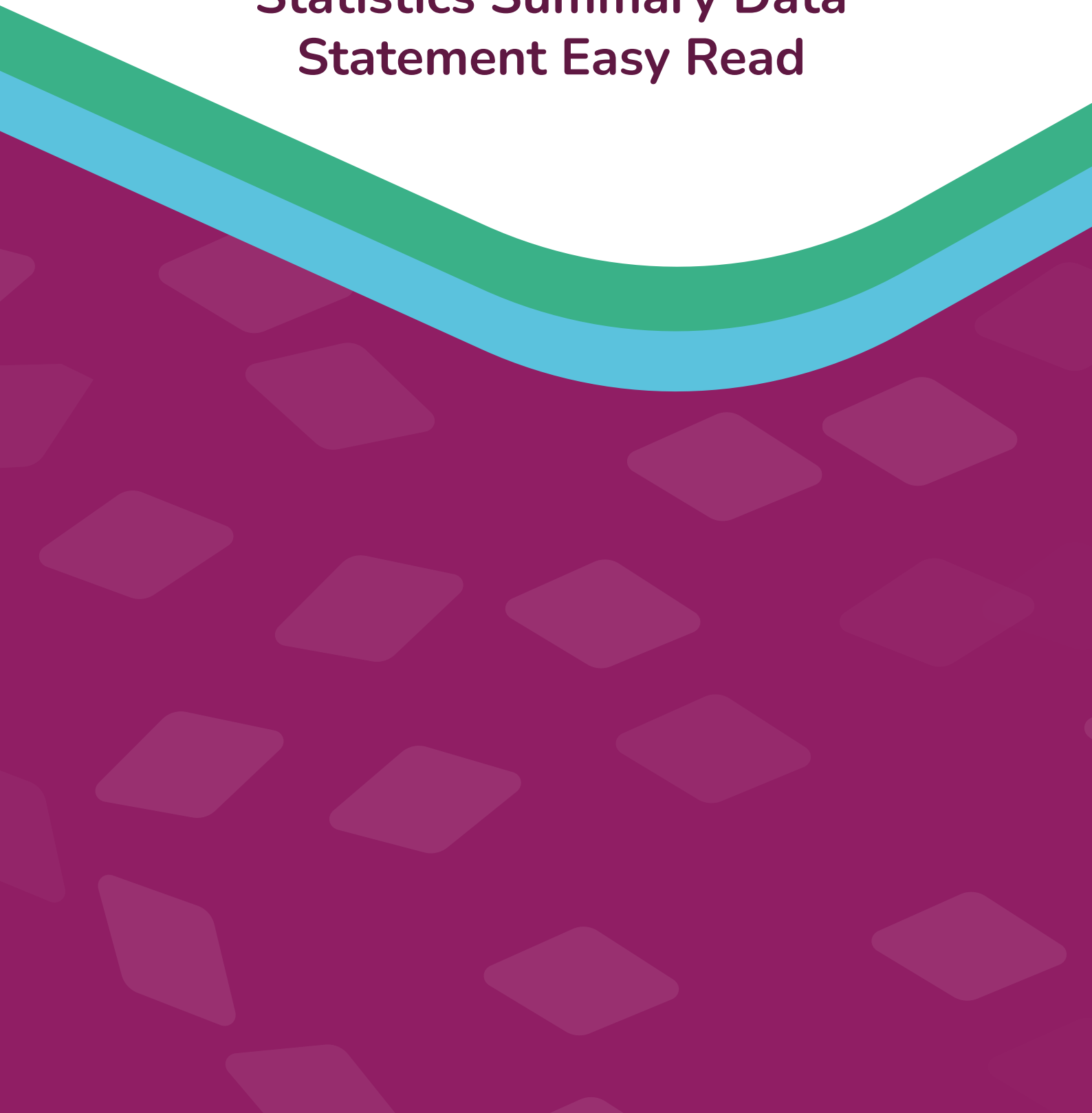




**Scottish
Learning Disability
Week**

Statistics Summary Data Statement Easy Read



Data statement easy read



In Scotland, we do not have good enough information about people with learning disabilities.



This makes it hard to make good policies or know if things are helping people.



Big surveys like the Scottish Health Survey do not always show the differences between types of disabilities.



This means we do not find out about the experiences of people with learning disabilities.



Sometimes, learning disabilities are mixed up with other conditions like autism or ADHD.

This makes it even harder to understand what people with learning disabilities really need.



People hoped the **Census** in 2022 would tell us lots of information about people with learning disabilities.



A **Census** is an official count or survey about people in a country



In the 2022 Census lots more people said they had a learning disability than in the 2011 Census.



The big jump in numbers made some people think the numbers are wrong.



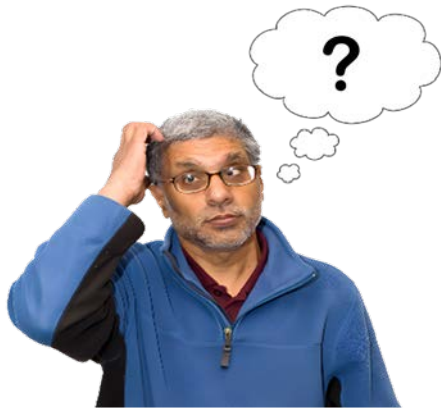
This is because the way the questions were written in the 2022 Census were different from the 2011 Census.



Some questions gave descriptions instead of examples.



Help information was hidden in drop-down menus online.



This may have confused people.



The **National Records of Scotland** said there was a large rise in the number of people with learning disabilities that did not appear to be accurate/ correct.



The National Records of Scotland collects holds and publishes information about people in Scotland.



But others believe this just means more people were counted properly this time.

Why does this matter?



It is very important that surveys and forms are easy to use and let us tell people if we have a learning disability.



If we don't fix this, we will never get enough information about people with learning disabilities.



This will make it harder to understand the needs of people with learning disabilities and may lead to them being left out or treated unfairly.