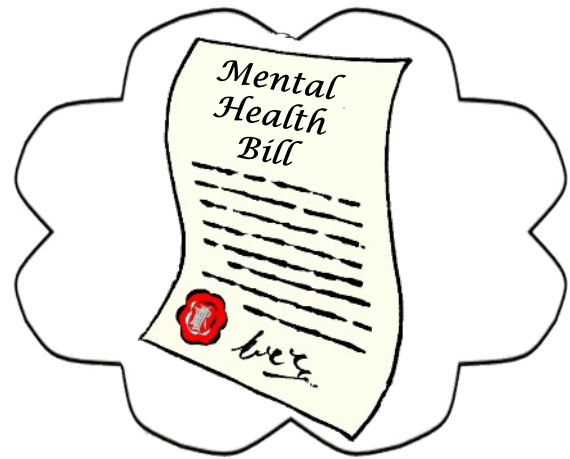
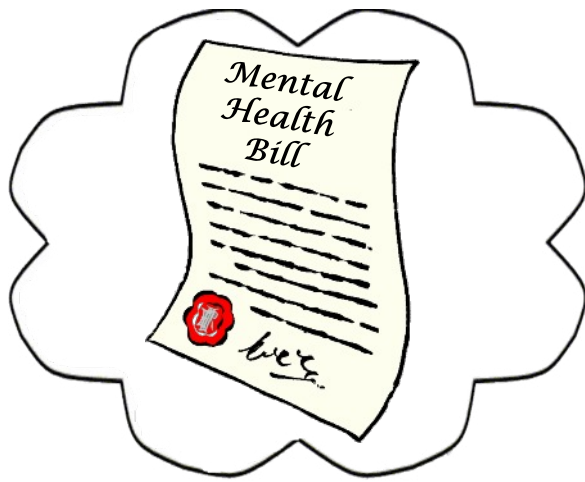




What do you think about the new draft Mental Health Bill?

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Information paper

Please let us know by 30 October 2022.

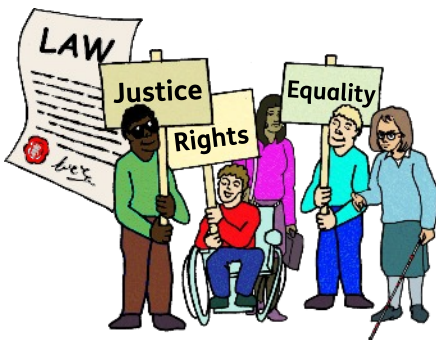


EasyRead version

What do you think about the new draft Mental Health Bill?



This is easy read information about the new draft Mental Health Bill. It comes with a question paper where we ask you what you think about it.



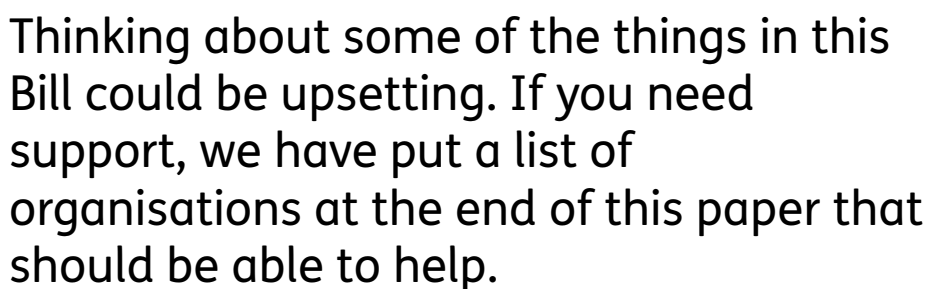
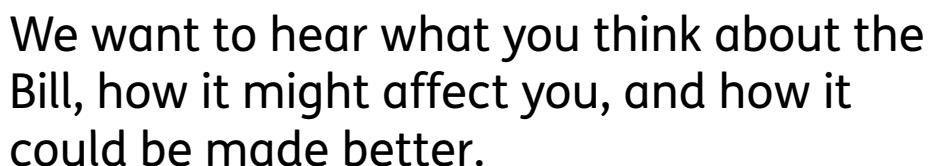
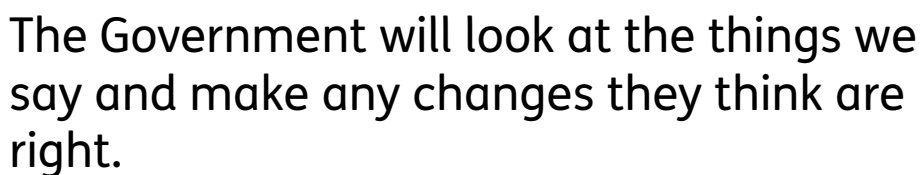
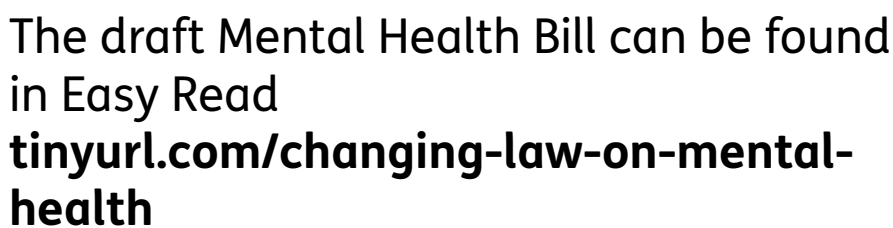
The draft Mental Health Bill is a plan to change the law to improve the rights and treatment for people with mental illness, learning disability and autism.



We are a Committee in Parliament made up of MPs and people from the House of Lords.



Our job is to tell the Government what we think about the new draft Mental Health Bill.



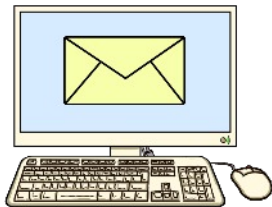


Or your MP might be able to help. You can find out who they are here:
members.parliament.uk/FindYourMP

How to respond



If you want to let us know what you think about the draft Bill. You can fill in a survey. You can find the survey **committees.parliament.uk/publications/28740/documents/173501/default/**



Please return the survey to **jcmentalhealth@parliament.uk** by 30 October 2022.



Because the things you tell us in the survey are important, we might use some of them to show why some changes in the draft Bill should be made. We will not use your name or show who you are.

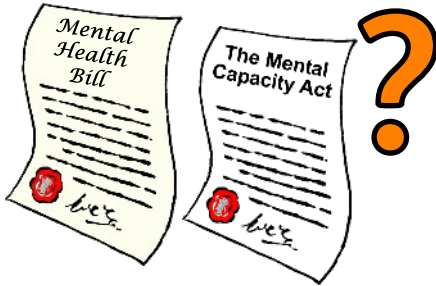


If you would rather write a longer response about how the draft Bill could be improved, please email us at **jcmentalhealth@parliament.uk** and we will tell you how best to do this.

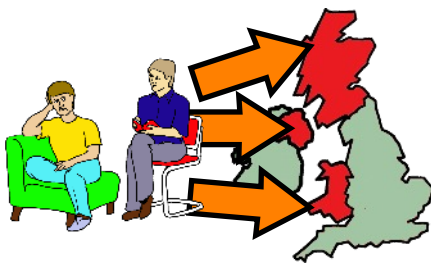
Things we really want to hear about



There is a space in the survey to tell us anything you want to about the draft Bill. There are some questions below to give you some ideas. You do not need to answer these questions if you do not want to.



- Do you see any problems with how the changes in the Bill will work, especially alongside other laws like the Mental Capacity Act?



- Could the Bill be improved by looking at how mental health care works in Scotland or Northern Ireland? How will the draft Bill work in Wales?



- Does the draft Bill make sure people can make their own decisions as far as possible and still keeps people safe?

How will this work?



- There was an Independent Review of the Mental Health Act in 2018. This included some principles they thought important. Should these principles be in the draft Bill?



Even though the Bill does not include these principles, does it achieve what the Review wanted?



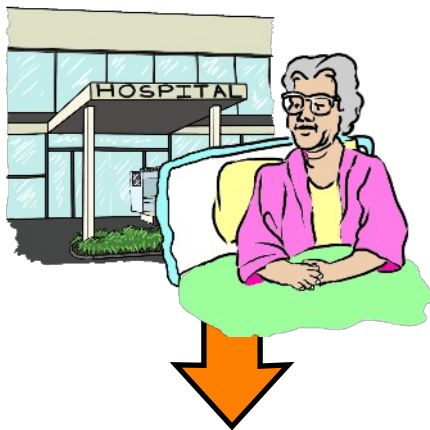
- The Review found some people have not been treated equally and fairly under the Mental Health Act, especially people who are black or another ethnic minority. Will the draft Bill make sure everyone is treated more fairly?



- Will the draft Bill make sure that people will be treated fairly under the Mental Health Act if they are rich or poor?



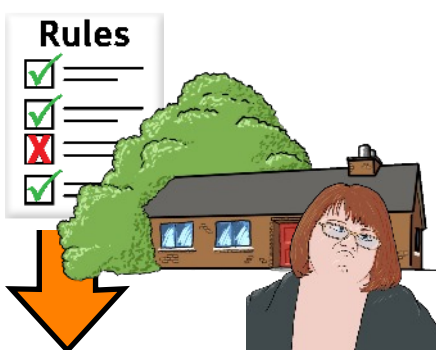
- How will the draft Bill treat autistic people and people with learning disabilities?



- Will the draft Bill make sure fewer people are kept in hospital against their wishes?



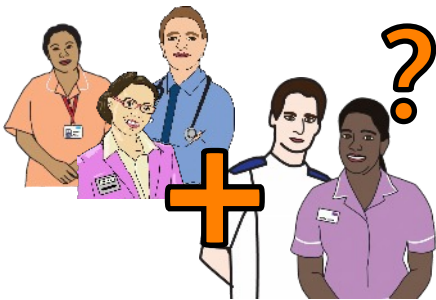
- Will the draft Bill make sure fewer people are kept in places that don't meet their needs?



- Will the draft Bill make sure fewer people are given Community Treatment Orders?



- How will the draft Bill affect staff in mental health services?



- What changes and extra help will staff and organisations need to make the changes happen properly?



- Will the Bill help people have more say about their care, and be able to appeal against decisions they think are wrong?



- At the moment some decisions about some patients' care can be taken by their nearest relative. The draft Bill will allow patients to decide who makes those decisions instead. What do you think of this change?



- Are the changes to people taking advance decisions about their care right?



- How will the draft Bill affect children, young people and their families?



- Will the draft Bill help people who are being kept in a police station, who are awaiting a trial or who are in prison get the treatment they need?



- Is there anything else you would like to see in the draft Bill?

Keeping safe



We need to keep vulnerable adults and children safe from abuse and neglect.

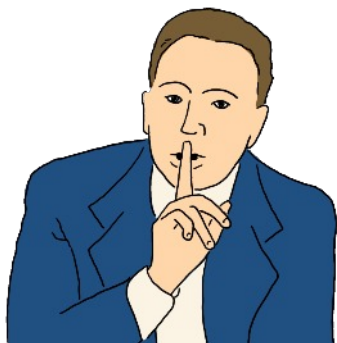


If we are worried that you might be unsafe we will tell someone who could help.



If you are worried about yourself or someone else, then please tell someone you trust, or if it is an emergency call the Police on 999.

Keeping your information private



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How to get help



If you have serious worries about your safety or someone else's safety, please call: 999.



If you are having mental health problems, you can ask your GP. If you have not got one look here: **www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-gp**

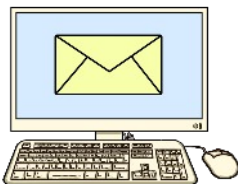
You can also try these organisations for help or more information:



Samaritans
General support for everyone.



Call: **116 123** for free 24 hours a day



Email: **jo@samaritans.org**



Website: **www.samaritans.org/**



Mind

For information, advice, and support for anyone with mental health issues.



Call: **0300 123 3393**



Website: **www.mind.org.uk/**

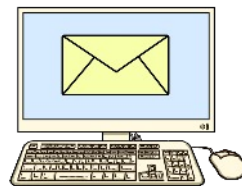


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