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Dear Jeremy,

**Re Assuring Transformation data re patients in mental health inpatient settings by CQC rating**

As requested by the Committee, we have looked at our data to identify people with a learning disability, autism or both who are in a mental health inpatient setting that is rated either Inadequate or Requires Improvement by the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

To do this, we have used a combination of analytical methodologies to arrive at what we think is the most robust picture:

- We combined Assuring Transformation (AT) data with a list of Inadequate and Requires Improvement mental health inpatient units supplied to us by the CQC **and**
- Used provider data

As you will be aware, the picture is a fluctuating one in terms both of admissions and discharges and changing inspection ratings, so the information below is based on Assuring Transformation data as of 31/03/21 and (in relation to requires improvement units only) on additional provider data as of 03/06/21.

From the information, we believe that 77% of individuals are cared for in **Good** or **Outstanding** settings and 23% are in settings that are **Requires Improvement** or **Inadequate**.

### People with a learning disability and autistic people in Inadequate settings

	No of inpatient units	No of inpatients <sup>[1]</sup>	Notes
Units rated inadequate by CQC (overall rating)	7	175	<p><b>This equates to 9%</b> of all inpatients with a learning disability, autism or both at 31/03/21<sup>[2]</sup></p> <p>Note: 1 unit (with 35 patients) included in the data has been deregistered <u>since</u> 31/03/21</p>

### People with a learning disability and autistic people in a Requires Improvement setting

	No of inpatient units	No of inpatients <sup>[3]</sup>	Notes
Units rated requires improvement by CQC (overall rating)	16	285	<p><b>This equates to 14%</b> of all inpatients with a learning disability, autism or both at 31/03/21<sup>[4]</sup></p> <p>Note: 1 unit (with 10 patients) included in the data has been deregistered <u>since</u> 31/03/21.</p>

I can assure the Committee that we will continue to work collaboratively with the CQC to support improvements in the quality of inpatient care for people with a learning disability, autism or both as well as ensuring that robust action is taken when standards of care are not good enough.

Yours sincerely,

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<sup>[1]</sup> Assuring Transformation Data at 31/03/21

<sup>[2]</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>[3]</sup> Assuring Transformation Data at 31/03/21 and Provider Data at 03/06/21

<sup>[4]</sup> *Ibid*

## Notes

- Assuring Transformation data is published by NHS Digital on a monthly basis and shows inpatient numbers at the end of the previous month. It is provisional data as late reporting means that the inpatient count for previous months is refreshed in each new publication.
- To gain a fuller picture of the quality of inpatient care for people with a learning disability, autism or both we would recommend that the data is used alongside other CQC information including updates on unit closures and analysis of whether inpatient units which are rated inadequate are likely to improve or are at risk of being rated