

Learning Disabilities and Complex Needs QSD on 6 June 2019

This briefing identifies relevant reports and useful documents, including recent parliamentary materials and press articles, which may be of assistance to Members in preparing for the following debate:

Baroness Thornton to ask Her Majesty's Government what action they are taking to address the treatment of people with learning disabilities and complex needs in in-patient units; and what plans they have to provide adequate, alternative community support.

Copies of the materials are available for collection from the Library.

Key Information

- NHS England, '[Homes Not Hospitals](#)', 30 October 2015; and [Building the Right Support](#), October 2015, pp 5–8 and 22–45

Web page detailing NHS England's plans to transform care from hospitals to services in the community; and the executive summary, excerpts on services needed and the conclusion from NHS England's national plan to develop community services and adapt in-patient facilities for people with a learning disability and/or autism.

- Care Quality Commission, [Segregation in Mental Health Wards for Children and Young People and in Wards for People with a Learning Disability or Autism](#), May 2019, pp 6–8 and 26–9; and Department of Health and Social Care, '[New Measures to Improve Care for People with Autism and Learning Disabilities](#)', 21 May 2019

Summary, recommendations, and conclusions from a report examining the use of long-term segregation on mental health wards for people with a learning disability and/or autism. Recommendations include calling for an independent review over the next 12 months to examine the care provided to, and the discharge plan for, each person who is in segregation or on a ward for people with a learning disability and/or autism. The associated Government press release confirms it would accept all the recommendations detailed in the report and fund specialist, independent advocates to: work with families; join up services; and work to move people to the "least restrictive care" and then into the community.

- National Audit Office, [Local Support for People with a Learning Disability](#), 3 March 2017, HC 1053 of session 2016–17, pp 5–11

Summary from a report examining the use of local authorities' learning disability support services in England.

Parliamentary Debate, Statements and Questions

- [Statement by the Minister for Care, Caroline Dinéage, on 'Whorlton Hall'](#), HC Hansard, 23 May 2019, cols 814–21
- House of Commons, '[Written Statement: Care Quality Commission Thematic Review of Restrictive Practices, Seclusion and Segregation](#)', 21 May 2019, HCWS1569
- [Oral Question on 'Autism'](#), HC Hansard, 7 May 2019, cols 431–2
- A selection of written questions from both Houses: [256312](#) (23 May 2019); [246528](#) (29 April 2019); [HL14844](#) (5 April 2019); [239260](#) (4 April 2019); [238347](#) (2 April 2019); and [214003](#) (6 February 2019)

Press Articles and Comment

- Alex Matthews-King, '[NHS and Care Regulator Missed Care Home Abuse of Vulnerable Patients on Multiple Occasions](#)', *Independent*, 23 May 2019
- Amy Walker, '[Too Many Children in England's Mental Health Hospitals Unnecessarily—Report](#)', *Guardian*, 20 May 2019
- Samantha Renke, '[Disabled People Are Still Being Locked Up in Institutions and It Must Stop](#)', *Metro*, 2 April 2019
- Jasmin Gray, '[Thousands of People with Learning Disabilities Are Stuck Living in Hospital—Despite Promises from the NHS](#)', *Huffington Post*, updated 19 January 2019
- Greg Hurst, '[Psychiatric Units Holding More Autistic People](#)', *Times* (£), 6 December 2018
- National Institute for Health and Care Excellence, '[Care for People with Learning Disabilities Should Be Close to Home Wherever Possible, Says NICE](#)', 28 March 2018

Further Information

- Children's Commissioner, '[Far Less Than They Deserve: Children with Learning Disabilities or Autism Living in Mental Health Hospitals](#)', May 2019
- Department of Health and Social Care, '[Government Review to Improve the Lives of Autistic Children](#)', 5 December 2018
- National Autistic Society, '[Beyond Transforming Care: What Needs to Change?](#)', December 2018
- NHS England, '[Homes Not Hospitals' for People with Learning Disabilities](#)', 30 October 2015

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