

# The human rights scandal continues

#HumanToo #StrippedofHumanRights

The latest data shows there are

# at least 2,045

people with a learning disability and/or autism in inpatient units.

NHS Digital Assuring Transformation data, April 2020

## Shut away for too long

People with a learning disability and/or autism who are sent to inpatient units are there for an average of

# 5.7 years



NHS Digital Assuring Transformation data, April 2020

## At risk

# 3,590

## Within February 2020

reported uses of restrictive interventions in one month e.g. **physical, chemical, mechanical restraint** and being **kept in isolation**.

Of these, **605** were against **Children** (under 18s)



NHS Digital MHSDS Data: February 2020, published April 2020

## Children in units

### Under 18s

The number of children with a learning disability and/or autism in inpatient units has **increased** since the start of the Transforming Care programme.



April 2020

# 190

March 2015

# 110



NHS Digital Assuring Transformation data, April 2020

## Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC)

A legal challenge has been launched against the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care for failing patients with learning disabilities and autism: "We cannot afford to miss more deadlines... We cannot afford to risk further abuse being inflicted on even a single more person at the distressing and horrific levels we have seen. We need the DHSC to act now. These are people who deserve our support and compassion, not abuse and brutality...".  
Rebecca Hilsenrath, Chief Executive of the EHRC

## Delayed discharge

# 130

 people had their discharge delayed.

Main reasons: **lack of social care** and **lack of suitable housing** in the community.



NHS Digital Assuring Transformation data, April 2020

## One year on from Whorlton Hall, nine years on from Winterbourne View

One year on from BBC Panorama's expose of the Whorlton Hall abuse scandal and nine years on from the Winterbourne View abuse scandal, over 2,000 people with a learning disability and/or autism remain locked away in inpatient units where they are at increased risk of abuse and neglect. Powers in the Coronavirus Act could leave people unable to access the social care they need and vulnerable to being locked away in inpatient units.

[#socialcareneedsashnow](#)



May 2020

Registered charity number 222377  
(England and Wales);  
SC041079 (Scotland) 2020.016