

The human rights scandal continues

#HumanToo #StrippedofHumanRights

The latest data shows there are

at least 2,035

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

NHS Digital Assuring Transformation data, March 2021

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

5.6 years



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Shocking levels of restrictive practices

3,970

Within January 2021

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

Of these, **920** were against **Children** (under 18s)



NHS Digital MHSDS Data: January 2021, published April 2021

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.

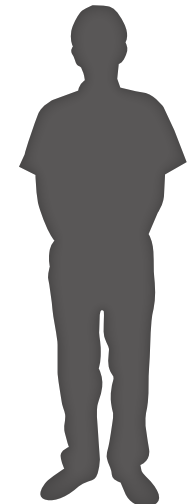


March 2021

215

March 2015

110



NHS Digital Assuring Transformation data, March 2021

Mental Health Act reform

'We now have a better understanding and practice of how we can best support people with learning disabilities and/or autism... we must bring the Mental Health Act into the 21st century.' - Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

We are glad the Government has recognised important changes are needed to the Mental Health Act to help stop people with a learning disability and/or autism getting stuck in inpatient units.

However, law reform is not enough. We need investment in the right community support **now**.

Delayed discharge

85

 people had their discharge delayed.

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



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COVID-19 makes Transforming Care even more of a priority, not less

The Government must not use COVID-19 as an excuse not to put a stop to this human rights scandal.

This crisis has brought into even sharper focus the urgent need for a robust cross-government strategy and investment in social care, to stop inappropriate admissions and get people out of inpatient units.

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