

# 10 years on from Winterbourne View: the human rights scandal continues

#HumanToo #StrippedofHumanRights

The latest data shows there are

# at least 2,050

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

NHS Digital Assuring Transformation data, July 2021

## Shut away for too long

The average length of stay for people with a learning disability and/or autism who are currently in inpatient units is

# 5.6 years



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## Shocking levels of restrictive practices

# 5,135

Within May 2021

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

Of these, **1,305** were against **Children** (under 18s)



NHS Digital MHSDS Data: May 2021, published August 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.

# 110

March 2015



# 185

July 2021



NHS Digital Assuring Transformation data, July 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

# 120

 people had their discharge delayed.

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



NHS Digital Assuring Transformation data, July 2021

## Health and Social Care Committee report: The treatment of autistic people and people with learning disabilities

'Autistic people and people with learning disabilities have the right to live independent, free and fulfilled lives in the community and it is an unacceptable violation of their human rights to deny them the chance to do so...We are [therefore] deeply concerned that community support and provision for autistic people and people with learning disabilities, and financial investment in those services, is significantly below the level required...Fixing this must be a greater priority for both the Department of Health & Social Care and NHS England & Improvement' (page 11, paragraph 23).

<https://committees.parliament.uk/publications/6669/documents/71689/default/>

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