

**Use
Your
Power**

To stop the long-term detention of people with a learning disability and autistic people in mental health hospitals

Power to direct NHS England

The Health and Care Act 2022 introduced a new 'general power to direct NHS England' for the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

The direction would focus on ensuring NHS organisations and local authorities, working within the new Integrated Care Systems (ICSs), improve their support for people with a learning disability and autistic people to live in the community

Public accountability would be improved through the direct link to the Secretary of State

The power already exists in legislation and is an attractive option as can be implemented without institutional upheaval



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