






## Community support for people with a learning disability and autistic people

	<p>Many people with learning disabilities and autistic people need support in the community to lead full and happy lives.</p>
	<p>But people can not always get the support they need, like good housing and support staff with the right skills.</p>
	<p>The Government promised to Transform Care for people with a learning disability after Winterbourne View in 2011.</p> <p>It said people would get the right support in the community and not be stuck in mental health hospitals when they don't need to be there.</p>
	<p>But progress has been very slow. There are still too many people with a learning disability in mental health hospitals.</p>
	<p>A big reason for this is the right community support is not available.</p> <p>People need good housing and the right social care support.</p>

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	<p>We know what good support for people with a learning disability and autistic looks like.</p> <p>There is lots of information about it.</p> <p>Here are some important things.</p>
	<p><b>Good support for children and their families</b></p> <p>Children with a learning disability and autistic children and their families get the right support early in the child's life.</p>
	<p><b>Good housing for people with a learning disability and autistic people.</b></p> <p>The right housing can help people get out from mental health hospitals.</p> <p>It can also help stop people going into a mental health hospital in the first place.</p>
	<p><b>Better pay for support workers</b></p> <p>Many people with a learning disability and autistic people need support in the community.</p> <p>It is important support workers get paid enough and have the right skills to support people well.</p>

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	<p><b>Good support for families to take a break from caring</b></p> <p>It is important families can have a break from caring.</p> <p>This can help the family and the person with a learning disability or autistic people stay well.</p>
	<p><b>Other places where someone can go if they need time out from where they are living</b></p> <p>Sometimes a person may need to move out of their house for a short time. One reason could be building repairs.</p> <p>It is important there are other places people can go for a bit if they need to.</p> <p>They should not end up in a mental health hospital just because they need time out from where they are living.</p>
	<p><b>Local areas need to build the right support</b></p> <p>Law and guidance says that local areas need to develop the right support for people with a learning disability and autistic people.</p> <p>It's important the law and guidance is followed.</p>

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### **Make sure that people who come out of mental health hospitals get the right support**

It is important that people who come out of a mental health hospital keep getting the support they need in the community.

This will help stop them going back into hospital.