

# Making it happen

Take action to get people with a learning disability, autism and/or challenging behaviour out of inpatient units

A guide for campaigners about  
Transforming Care Partnerships

Easy  
read





## What is this guide about?



This guide says why it is important that people with learning disabilities, autism and challenging behaviour are not stuck in **inpatient units**.



**Inpatient units** are a special type of hospital.



This guide tells you what **NHS England** has said it will do to make sure people are not stuck units.



It tells you some things **you** can do to make sure NHS England keeps its **promise**.



It tells you what should happen in your local area and who is **in charge**.



## What is the problem?



In 2011 a TV programme showed people with learning disabilities, autism and challenging behaviour **being hurt** in an inpatient unit called Winterbourne View.



After that Winterbourne View was closed but there are still **lots of people** in other units.



They are often there for a **long time** and they are often **far from home**.



Sometimes they are given **medication that they do not need**.



Many people are stuck in units because there is not the right support available in the community.



The government has said that **'hospitals are not homes'**.



But it is taking **too long** for things to change.



## What has been promised?



NHS England says there will be **lots of changes** in the next three years.



They say some of the beds in inpatient units will close by **March 2019**.



They say the **right support** will be there for people in the community.



There are groups of people **working together** in every area to make this happen.



Some of these people work in **social care** and some of them work in **health**.

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There are **48 groups** around England.

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These groups are called **Transforming Care Partnerships**.



Every group has someone in charge called a **Senior Responsible Officer**.



NHS England has said what **support** people should be able to get in the community.



NHS England says there is some **money** to help the groups to pay for it.



We need to make sure they **keep their promises!**



# Take action!



Here are some things you can do.



You could **write** to the person in charge at your local Transforming Care Partnership.



The person in charge is called the **Senior Responsible Officer**.



You can find their contact details on the NHS England website if you search for **Transforming Care**.

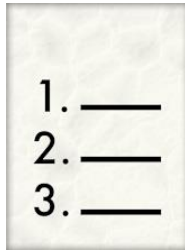


You might need someone to help you.



You could ask to see the **local plan**.





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You could ask what **new support and services** there will be for people in the area.



You could ask **how many people** from your area are living in inpatient units.



Tell them if you think their plan is **good** or if there is **something missing**.



Tell them why you think this is important. You could share your experience.



You could ask the Senior Responsible Officer how you can **get involved** in the work the group is doing.



You could work with other people or groups, like self-advocacy groups.



There are **more questions** you could ask to find out what is happening where you live in an Easy Read guide called '**Hospitals are not homes**'.



It was written by the National Forum of People with Learning Disabilities and the National Valuing Families Forum.



**Remember**, we would love to hear what you are doing and what you find out in your local area.



The contact details are on the next page.



## Contact us

If you would like support you can contact us here:



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