

INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF THE MENTAL HEALTH ACT: ADVISORY PANEL

Terms of reference

Background

In October 2017, the Prime Minister commissioned a review of the Mental Health Act 1983, seeking to address concerns about how the legislation is currently being used.

The government called for an Act in step with a modern mental health system, giving special attention to rising rates of detention and the disproportionate number of people from black and minority ethnic backgrounds being detained under the Act. Terms of reference for the review are available to view online: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mental-health-act-independent-review/terms-of-reference-independent-review-of-the-mental-health-act-1983>.

The review was tasked to appraise existing practice and evidence, formulating recommendations to improve legislation and/or practice in the future.

Purpose

The advisory panel will bring together a range of stakeholders with an interest in the Mental Health Act and its application.

The panel will serve as a forum for gathering evidence and insight throughout the course of the review, helping to shape the review's products and recommendations.

Membership

The membership of the panel will represent a broad cross-section of constituencies with an interest in the review.

The panel will comprise: individuals with lived experience; advocacy organisations; professionals and representative bodies; and representatives from the statutory system.

Name (alphabetised by surname)	Role	Organisation
Lord Victor Adebawale	Chief Executive	Turning Point
Dr Ruth Allen	Chief Executive Officer	British Association of Social Workers
Professor Louis Appleby	Professor of Psychiatry	University of Manchester
Jonathan Ashworth MP	Member of Parliament for Leicester South (Shadow Secretary of State for Health)	Labour Party
Claire Barcham	Mental Health Policy Network	Association of Directors of Adult Social Services
Linda Bryant	Director of Criminal Justice Services	Together for Mental Wellbeing
Jabeer Butt	Deputy Chief Executive	Race Equality Foundation
Sarah Brennan	Chief Executive	YoungMinds
Linda Bryant	Director of Criminal Justice Services	Together for Mental Wellbeing
Ian Callaghan	National Service User Lead	My Shared Pathway
Julie Carr		Royal College of Occupational Therapists

Steve Chamberlain	Chair	National AMHP Leads Network
Chief Constable Mark Collins	Mental Health Lead	National Police Chief's Council
Dr Jackie Craissati	Director	Psychological Approaches
Phil Douglas	Director, Offender Policy	Ministry of Justice
Sean Duggan	Chief Executive, Mental Health Network	NHS Confederation
Cllr Jacqui Dyer	Chair Mental Health Equalities Adviser	Black Thrive NHS England
Paul Farmer	Chief Executive	Mind
Catherine Gamble	Professional Lead for Mental Health	Royal College of Nursing
Steve Gilbert	Vice-chair	Independent review of the Mental Health Act
Sir Mark Hedley	Vice-chair	Independent review of the Mental Health Act
Suzanne Hudson	Chair	Mental Health Alliance
Sarah Hughes	Chief Executive	Centre for Mental Health
Dr Adrian James	Registrar	Royal College of Psychiatrists
Elin Jones	Mental Health Legislation Manager	Welsh Government
Professor Tim Kendall	National Clinical Director for Mental Health	NHS England & NHS Improvement
Rt Hon Norman Lamb MP	Member of Parliament for North Norfolk (Liberal Democrat Spokesperson (Health))	Liberal Democrat Party
Dr Paul Lelliott	Deputy Chief Inspector (Mental Health)	Care Quality Commission
Michelle Long	Co-chair	Carers' Forum, Royal College of Psychiatrists
Dr Phil Moore	Chair, Mental Health Commissioners' Network	NHS Clinical Commissioners
Baroness Julia Neuberger	Vice-chair	Independent review of the Mental Health Act
PCC Matthew Scott	National Lead on Mental Health and Custody	Association of Police and Crime Commissioners
Carolyn Taylor	Mental Health and Disability Committee	The Law Society
Professor John Taylor	Chair, Mental Health Act Advisory Group	British Psychological Society
Alun Thomas	Chief Executive	Hafal
Claire Waxman	Victims Commissioner	Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime
Professor Sir Simon Wessely (Chair)	Chair	Independent review of the Mental Health Act
Helen Whately MP	Member of Parliament for Faversham and Mid Kent	Conservative Party
Antonia Williams	Director, Mental Health Policy	Department of Health
Mark Winstanley	Chief Executive	Rethink Mental Illness
Sarah Yiannoullou	Chief Executive	National Survivor User Network (NSUN)

Governance

The panel will be chaired by the chair of the review, Professor Sir Simon Wessely. Vice-chairs of the review may deputise for the chair, as required.

Secretariat support will be provided by the core review team at the Department of Health and Social Care.

Frequency

The panel will convene approximately quarterly throughout the course of the review.

Supporting groups

A number of smaller groups will meet outside, and in addition to, the main advisory panel. They will provide reports and updates to the advisory panel as required, as well as advising the review leadership directly.

These will include, but not be limited to:

- Service user and carer group: to ensure the voices of those with lived experience of the Mental Health Act are heard during the review process. The group will be chaired by Steve Gilbert, vice-chair of the review.
- Evidence and analysis group: to provide expert analytical advice to the chair, as well as the advisory panel. It will advise on evidence relating to the Mental Health Act, with a particular focus on data and academic evidence, and will suggest ways of utilising this evidence to best effect. The group will also highlight gaps in the evidence base and suggest ways to address these.
- Working group: to deliver the direction set by the review's leadership and advisory panel, informing the thinking at the heart of the review and ultimately supporting the development of its recommendations.

All the above will comprise stakeholders with particular expertise and/or experience, meeting as required between formal meetings of the advisory panel.