Questionnaire

Keeping people safe in high security psychiatric services

What do you think?
New rules about keeping people safe

The Government’s **Department of Health and Social Care** is thinking of making some changes to the rules about keeping people safe in **high security psychiatric hospitals**.

The **Department of Health and Social Care** is the Government department for all health and social care services in England.

**High security psychiatric hospitals** are for people with serious mental health problems who might harm people or escape.

It would not be safe for them to be in other mental health services or prison.
The department wants to know what you think.

Please read through the easy read consultation document.

Then tell us your views by answering these questions.

Please let us have your answers by Thursday 23 August 2018.
About you

Please answer these questions about you. This information helps us to be sure that we are getting the views of all different communities.

**Question 1:** How old are you?

- [ ] 17 and Under
- [ ] 18-24
- [ ] 25-34
- [ ] 35-44
- [ ] 45-54
- [ ] 55-64
- [ ] 65 or above

**Question 2:** What is your gender?

- [ ] Female
- [ ] Male
- [ ] Prefer not to say
- [ ] Other, please say what
Question 3: Are you disabled?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

Question 4: Are you...

☐ Heterosexual or straight - attracted to people of the opposite sex

☐ Gay or Lesbian - attracted to people of the same sex

☐ Bisexual - attracted to both men and women

☐ Prefer not to say

☐ Other. Please say what

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Question 5: Are you...

**White**

- [ ] British
- [ ] Irish
- [ ] Gypsy or Irish Traveler
- [ ] Other, please say

**Mixed race**

- [ ] White and Black Caribbean
- [ ] White and Black African
- [ ] White and Asian
- [ ] Any other mixed race, please say
Asian

- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- Chinese
- Other, please say

Black

- Black British
- African
- Caribbean
- Other, please say

- Prefer not to say
Which area of the UK do you live in?

- Scotland
- Wales
- Northern Ireland
- North East of England
- North West of England
- Yorkshire and Humber
- East of England
- East Midlands
- West Midlands
- London
- South East of England
- South West of England
What do you think?

**Question 6:** Do you think the changes to the rules mean that secure hospitals can make more of their own rules?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
- [ ] Not sure

Please explain your answer

**Question 7:** Do you think the changes to the rules help to give patients their rights?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
- [ ] Not sure

If you tick No or Not sure please say why


**Question 8:** Do you think the changes to the rules are good or bad for patients’ daily activities?

- [ ] Good
- [ ] Bad
- [ ] Not sure

If you want please say why

**Question 9:** Do you think the changes to the rules help to keep patients safe?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
- [ ] Not sure

If you tick No or Not sure please say why

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Question 10: Do you think the changes to the rules are good or bad for the staff who work in the hospitals?

☐ Good

☐ Bad

☐ Not sure

If you want please say why

Question 11: Do you think the changes to the rules help to keep staff safe?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Not sure

If you tick No or Not sure please say why

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Question 12: We have changed the rules to improve the way high security hospitals report and record when things go wrong.

Do you agree the changes do this?

☐ Yes I agree
☐ No I don’t agree
☐ I’m not sure

If you want please say why


Question 13: We want to change the rules so that staff must have a good reason for searching a patient.

Do you agree with this?

☐ Yes I agree
☐ No I don’t agree
☐ I’m not sure

If you want please say why


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Question 14: We want wards to be searched once a week.

We want areas to be searched at least once every 3 months.

Do you agree with this?

☐ Yes I agree
☐ No I don’t agree
☐ I’m not sure

If you want please say why

Question 15: We want to change the rules so that hospitals can have more choice about when patients can use computer equipment and games.

Do you agree with this?

☐ Yes I agree
☐ No I don’t agree
☐ I’m not sure

If you want please say why
Question 16: We want to change the rules so that every patient has the chance to go out into the grounds.

Do you agree with this change of rule?

☐ Yes I agree
☐ No I don’t agree
☐ I’m not sure

If you want please say why

Question 17: We also want to change the rules so that patients can appeal to the Grounds Access Committee if they don’t agree with the assessment.

Do you agree with this change of rule?

☐ Yes I agree
☐ No I don’t agree
☐ I’m not sure

If you want please say why
Question 18: Do you think that changes to the rules would still protect the safety of visitors to high security hospitals?

- [ ] Yes I agree
- [ ] No I don’t agree
- [ ] I’m not sure

If you want please say why

Question 19: Do you have any comments on any rules that we have not changed?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

If ‘Yes’ please tell us your comments
**Question 20:** Are there any other ways that we could improve things in High security hospitals?
Thank you

Thank you for your views. We take these into account when we make the final decision about the changes to the rules.

Please send your answers back by:

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