

## Independent Review of the Mental Health Act: Topic Group Chairs

Following the publication of the review's Interim Report in May, Topic Groups were established to carry out detailed work to inform the review's final recommendations to government. Each group was comprised a small group of experts, including professionals and those with lived experience of the Mental Health Act, and was tasked with exploring key issues, as set out in the Interim Report.

Topic Groups produced a short report of their findings on 14<sup>th</sup> September for the review's leadership, Professor Sir Simon Wessely and his co-chairs, to inform their final recommendations to government.

### Topic Group Chairs

Topic Group	Name	Role	Organisation
Understanding why rates of detention under the MHA have increased	Professor Scott Weich	Professor of Mental Health	School of Health and Related Research (SchARR), University of Sheffield
Addressing rising detention rates	Professor Sean Duggan	Chief Executive	Mental Health Network
Maximising Autonomy	Sarah Hughes	Chief executive	Centre for Mental Health
Patient autonomy - Detention criteria	Colin McKay	Chief Executive	Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland
Patient Dignity and Safety	Amy Pollard	[Personal capacity]	
Advocacy	Kathy Roberts		
Tribunal, hospital managers, renewals	Professor Anselm Eldergill	District Judge	
Family / carer involvement	Mark Winstanley		
Community Treatment Orders	Claire Barcham	Personal capacity	
Discharge, care planning and aftercare	Mark Trewin	Service Manager for Mental Health Mental Health Social Work Lead	Bradford Metropolitan District Council DHSC and NHSE
Asian and other ethnic minorities	Raf Hamaiza		
Children & young people	Pauline Carpenter		

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Learning disabilities / autism	Gillian Baird		
Mental Capacity Act interface	Aswini Weeraratne QC		
Police role	Matthew Scott		
Criminal justice system and 'Part 3' of the Act	Carolyn Kirby		
Principles underpinning the act	Genevra Richardson	President	Mental Health Review Tribunal for Wales