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## People being kept in long term segregation



This is an Easy Read version of a letter from the **Minister of State for Care** to **Baroness Hollins**.



The **Minister of State for Care** is called Helen Whately. She helps to run the government's Department for Health and Social Care.



**Baroness Hollins** leads the Independent Care (Education) and Treatment Review Oversight Panel - a group looking into the care of people being kept in long term segregation.

Dear Baroness Hollins,



Thank you for your letter about the way you **review** people with a learning disability and autistic people who are being kept in **long term segregation**.



A **review** means looking into something to see how well it is working.



**Long term segregation** is when you are kept away from other people in hospitals, care homes and **mental health units**.



A **mental health unit** is where people stay for treatment for their mental health condition.



I am worried about the number of people who are being kept in long term segregation.



We want to make sure that things change for people with a learning disability and autistic people.



## What the government will do

I am going to do the important things that you said should be done straight away. I am going to:

### 1. Set up a new job called a 'senior intervenor'



The **senior intervenor** is somebody who will help to improve things for people in segregation. They will work to:

- reduce the amount of time people are kept in long term segregation



- move people to live in their local community



- move people to a safe place where they can mix with other people.



The senior intervenor will do this by:

- giving more support to the managers of services



- making sure there are ways to move people out of long term segregation



- making sure that people have proper plans for how they want to be cared for, and how they want to live



- making sure that everyone does their job in the right way.



## 2. Do regular reviews

You suggested that there should be regular reviews of people in long term segregation. I agree.



I have asked for a report on the best way to do this.

## 3. Continue the Independent Care (Education) and Treatment Review Oversight Panel



I am going to ask you to continue your work with the Independent Care (Education) and Treatment Review Oversight Panel.



Helen Whately, Minister of State for Care.