



Department
of Health

Making Rights Better and Listening to People



**For people with Learning Disabilities, Autism
or Mental Health Issues**

**We are asking questions about how to make people's lives
better. Tell Us What You Think!**



Answers Booklet

Please tell us what you think by 29 May 2015.



**This is an EasyRead version of:
No voice unheard, no right ignored –
a consultation for people with learning disabilities,
autism and mental health conditions.**



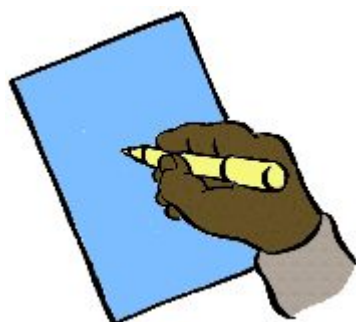
About this booklet.

We are asking questions about how to make people's lives better.



In the Information Booklet we give you some information about things we think might need to change.

After you have read that information we would like you to answer the questions in this booklet.



If you can, we would like you to fill in your answers, or get someone who can help you to do this, and send this booklet back to us.



The details about where to send it are at the end of this booklet.



We hope you feel able to take part. Thank you for your help.



1. My right to be independent and part of the community. Living in a home I have chosen.



Helping people stay close to their communities

Having enough services in the community



Assessment and treatment in the community and the Mental Health Act

EasyRead Question 1



These ideas are trying to help people to be part of the community.

Would they help to stop people being sent away from their home and family?



2. My right to be listened to and have my wishes acted upon. My right to challenge decisions about me.

Knowing your own rights and being involved.



The right to say you think the wrong choice has been made and to ask for change.

Planning care and leaving to go home.

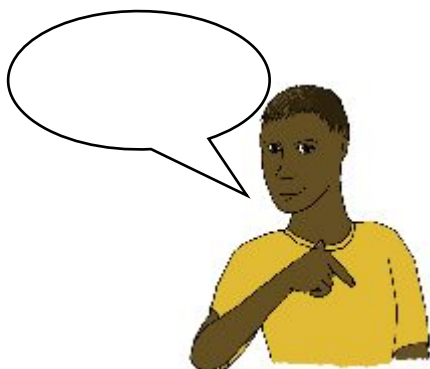
Challenge to being held under the Mental Health Act.



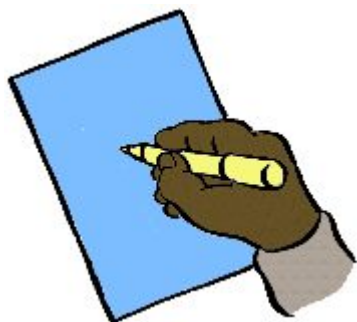
EasyRead Question 2

These ideas are trying to help people play a full part in their care and make sure the NHS and Local Authorities listen to them.

Do you think they will help?



3. Involving people and their advocates.



EasyRead Question 3

Do you think that only services that involve people with learning disability or autism and families running them should get contracts with the Local Authority or NHS?

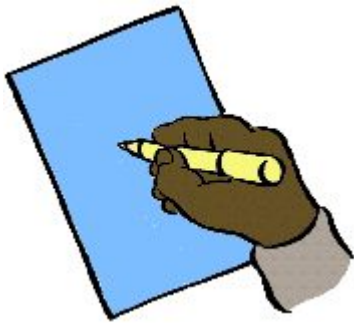


4. Helping people use their rights: support from families, social workers and special advocates.



EasyRead Question 4

These ideas are trying to make sure more people get support from families, social workers and advocates called Independent Mental Health Advocates.



They have a part to play in people's care and helping them be listened to.

Do you think they will help?



5. Support if something goes wrong.

We often hear that it can be hard to know what to do or to get support if something goes wrong.



EasyRead Question 5

Do you think anything else is needed to help people to speak up if something has gone wrong?



6. My rights and the Mental Health Act.

How the Mental Health Act is used for people with learning disabilities or autism.

EasyRead Question 6



What do you think about the idea of people with learning disability and autism: not being sent to hospital under the Mental Health Act or only in a smaller number of situations or only sent if a court sends them?



7. A single path for Mental Health Act assessment and treatment.

The Mental Health Act can be hard to understand. People can go for assessment and treatment under different rules.



EasyRead Question 7

What do you think about the idea of making the Mental Health Act law easier to understand and follow with one path into hospital for assessment and treatment?



8. The Mental Health Act and people who plan and buy services for the NHS.

People who plan and buy services for the NHS should have to make sure that the Mental Health Act works well.

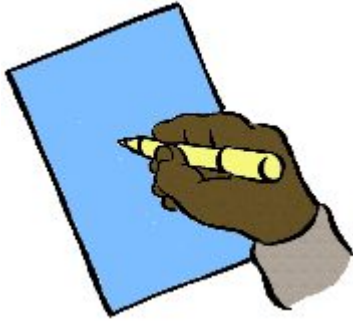


EasyRead Question 8

Do you think we should change the law to make sure that people who plan and buy services for the NHS have to follow the Code of Practice guidance about the Mental Health Act like hospitals do?



9. Use of Police Cells and People Being Held in Hospital Instead of Prison.



EasyRead Question 9

These ideas look at how to make things better for people who are being kept safe in police cells or are being held in hospital instead of prison.

What do you think?

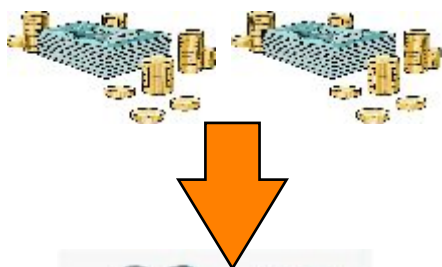


10. My right to control my own support and services with a personal budget.



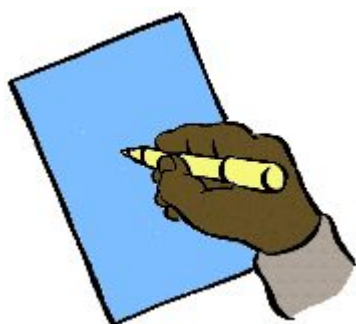
EasyRead Question 10

What do you think about more people with learning disability or autism having personal health budgets?



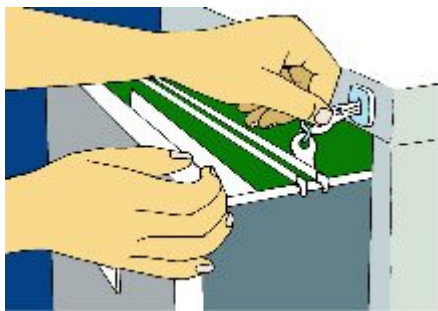
11. Putting different sets of money together – pooled budgets.

People who plan and buy services for the NHS and Local Authorities sometimes put their money together for mental health and learning disability services.



EasyRead Question 11

What do you think about making local areas having to put their money together to help people get out of hospital?

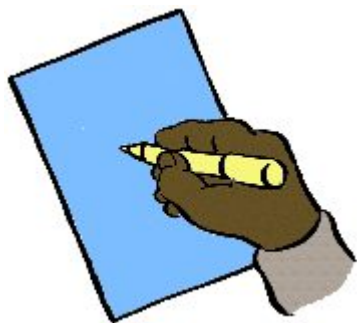


12. Sharing Information.

Personal information should be kept private.



But important information about what care people need sometimes has to be shared.



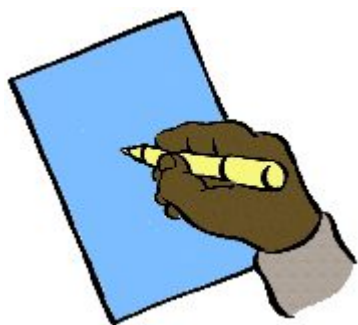
EasyRead Question 12

Do you think it should made clearer when people who buy care have to share information to support people's care and keep them safe?



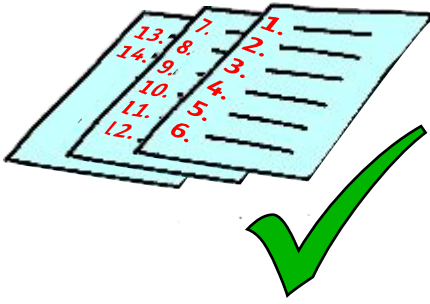
13. Who is in charge of supporting my physical as well as my mental health.

People should know who looks after a person's physical health if they have a mental health issue.



EasyRead Question 13

Do you think we should try and make it more clear who has to make sure people are physically well when they are in mental health hospitals?



14. Last question.

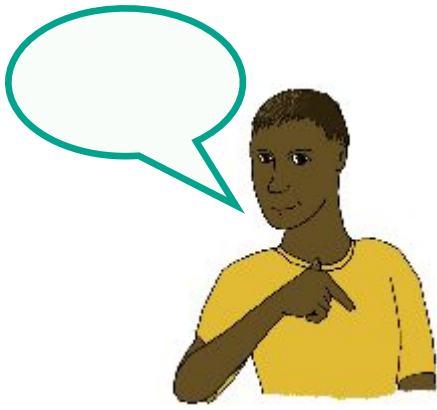
Please tell us anything else you think is important about these changes.



EasyRead Question 14

What do you think would make the most difference?

What do you think would not be so good, for example, because it might cost a lot of money?



About you.

Please tell us a bit about you so we can understand better what views different people have.



You do not have to answer any of these questions.



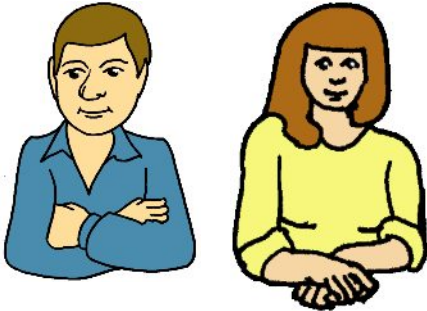
If you do not want to answer these questions, we will still think about the answers you send us.



We are asking this information so we can understand better what views different people have.



How old are you?



Are you a man or a woman?

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Man

☐

Woman



Are you?

☐

White

☐

Mixed

☐

Asian or Asian British

☐

Black or Black British

☐

Chinese or other ethnic group



Do you have a disability?

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Yes

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No

What part of the country do you live in?

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London

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North of England

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Midlands and East of England

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South of England

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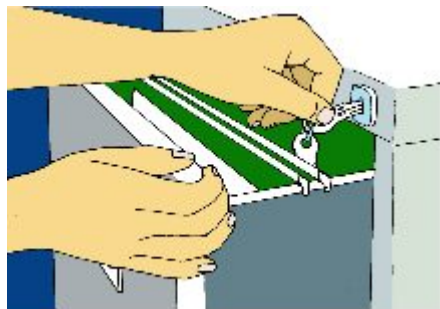
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Northern Ireland

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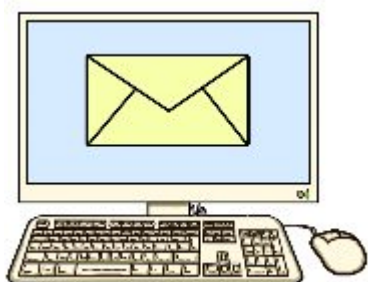
If you are happy for us to get in touch with you about your answers, please tell us your:



Name



Telephone Number



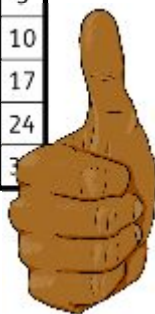
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You do not have to tell us this information if you do not want to.

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Thank you for your help!

Please tell us what you think by 29 May 2015.



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