

# An Open Letter from the Government to Inclusion London - Easy Read



This is the easy read version of a letter from the government to Inclusion London about the Mental Capacity (Amendment) Bill.

Easy Read information about the Bill is available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mental-capacity-amendment-bill-easy-read>

Inclusion  
London



Dear Inclusion London,

Thank you for your work  
to review the **Bill**.



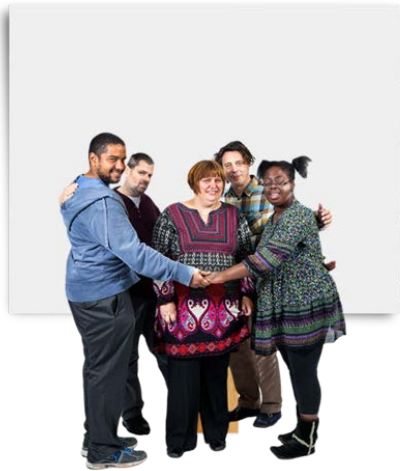
A **Bill** is a plan for a new  
law.



The Bill is discussed by  
parliament.



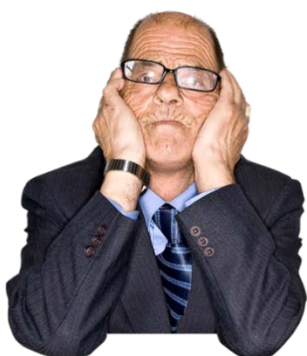
If parliament agrees with  
the Bill it will become a  
new law



We must protect the rights of vulnerable people.



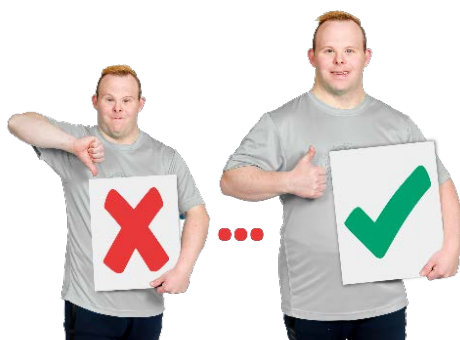
To do this, we (the Government) want to change the law about how someone can be ordered to be looked after safely.



You were worried about some of the changes in the Bill.



We agree that it is very serious if someone's freedom is taken away.

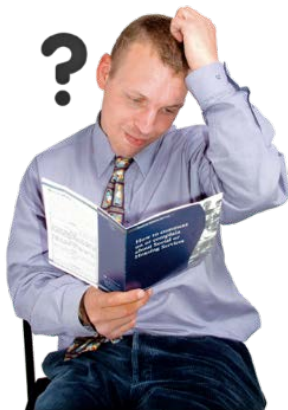


We feel that the new Bill will make things better for people.



At the moment, there are lots of problems with the way things work:

- The rules that order people to be looked after safely are not being followed.
- The rules are too complicated.



- And, lots of people who are not able to make decisions for themselves are being ordered to be looked after.



- People don't have the rights that they should have.



This must stop.



In 2018, a report said how the rules about how people are ordered to be looked after should change.

The report helped us to decide what should be in the new Bill.





With the new Bill:

- Someone who is not part of the hospital or care home must say that it is ok for someone to be looked after in that way. It must be what is needed for the person.



- People will continue to be able to access **independent advocacy**.

**Advocacy** is getting support from another person to help you say what you want, and help you stand up for your rights



- Anyone who is looked after will have the information they need to understand the process and say if they have any problems with it.

This will:

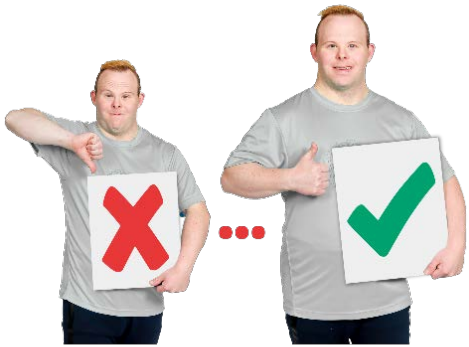


- Make the rules easier to understand.



- Make sure that people are looked after in the way they need it
- Make sure people have rights.
- Make sure that people have their voice heard





We believe that these actions address the concerns you raised.



But, the Bill cannot cover everything.

We will also make new instructions to say how the Bill should work, with lots of information to show how to look after people in the best way





We want to work with you (Inclusion London), and other groups who are interested in how disabled people are looked after to make these instructions.



Please let us know about how we can work with you to do this.

