



Treat me well

Taking part in the Government's
consultation on training



What is this booklet about?



The Government is running a consultation on training.



The consultation is about learning disability and autism training for health and social care workers.



Health and social care workers include people like doctors, nurses, hospital receptionists and support workers.



The Government wants to know what training all these people should have about learning disability and autism.



This booklet tells you more about the consultation and how to have your say.



What is a Government consultation?



Sometimes the Government wants to find out what people think about something.



They run a **consultation** to ask people what they think.



The Government asks lots of questions about what they want to find out.



People can write down their answers on a form on the internet.



Sometimes the Government also holds meetings where people can say what they think.



People who give answers to the questions are having their say about what the Government should do.



The Government does not have to do what people want.



But they should listen to what people say.



The Government often writes a report after a consultation.



The report says what the Government thinks about what people said and what they will do next.



Why is the consultation on learning disability and autism training so important?



Lots of health and social care workers do not get training on learning disability.



We do not think this is safe.



People have been campaigning about this for a long time.



People said the Government should make sure all health and social care workers have training.



The Treat me well campaign has said that all healthcare workers must have training.



We have been campaigning with Paula McGowan as well.



Paula's son Oliver, who had a learning disability and autism, died in 2016.



She thinks Oliver died because the doctors and nurses treating him did not understand learning disability and autism.



More than 50,000 people signed her petition asking for training in learning disability and autism.



Now the Government is asking everyone what they think about training.



What the Treat me well campaign is calling for



The Treat me well campaign called for the government to take action about learning disability training.



The Treat me well campaign says that all healthcare workers must have training on learning disability.



We think that receptionists and other people working in hospitals need training too.



We think that new healthcare workers need to have training in university.



We think that people who have been working in a hospital for a long time need training too.



The Treat me well campaign says there are 5 important things that good training must have:



1. It must be co-delivered and co-produced by people with a learning disability



2. It must include general learning disability awareness



3. It must include the Mental Capacity Act 2005



4. It must be about reasonable adjustments



5. It must be in a group and give people a chance to talk together.



This consultation is very important.



It is a chance for people with a learning disability and supporters to tell the Government what they think about training.



Mencap wants to make sure everyone can have their say.



How to have your say

You can fill out the Government's consultation online by going to:



www.gov.uk/government/consultations/learning-disability-and-autism-training-for-health-and-care-staff



There is more easy read information and a survey on the website.



You could give your answers to the Government's questions on your own, with support if you need it.



Or you could meet up with other people in your area and fill it in as a group.



Where can I find more information?



You can find more information on the Government website:

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You can visit the Mencap website to find out more about the Treat me well campaign:

www.mencap.org.uk/treatmewell



Look out for more information from us about how to think about the consultation, coming soon on the Mencap website.



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