

Terms of Reference: DH Review following events at Winterbourne View Hospital

The Department of Health is committed to conducting a review of the events at Winterbourne View, considering their wider implications for policy and practice and reporting to Ministers.

As part of this process, DH will review:

- the CQC investigative report
- the Serious Case Review led by the South Gloucestershire Safeguarding Adults Board
- the NHS Serious Untoward Incident Investigations
- previous serious case reviews and investigations and any other relevant evidence

Purpose:

The aim of the review is to give assurance that a rigorous and objective enquiry has taken place which:

- establishes the facts about Winterbourne View;
- considers the pathway to support for the individuals placed there
- identifies any systemic issues which need to be addressed;
- learns lessons for the future; and
- identifies any necessary action for Government.

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The review will:

- consider the information obtained from the reviews within the overall context of:
 - the current policy framework
 - support and services for individuals with learning disabilities and/ autistic spectrum conditions who may

have mental health conditions and/or behaviours that challenge;

- consider the implications for policy and practice of providers, commissioners, regulators and Government;
- assess whether and how lessons from previous relevant cases have been embedded into practice, and where that hasn't happened, why not and what needs to be done to ensure that it is;
- identify real examples of best practice, their key components and how they can be replicated;
- review the mechanisms in place within each agency to ensure recommendations will be acted upon; and
- make further recommendations to Government on other action identified in the course of the review to improve support for this group of people.

The review will be informed by independent advice from a range of experts in the field.

Timescale

The timescale for this review depends on those of the other investigations; the review will be completed once the other investigations have finalised as it will draw on their findings.

However, the review team will look at information as it emerges from the various ongoing investigations, and lessons will be learned as each investigation is reviewed.

Output

The review will produce an initial report for Ministers including recommendations. This will be followed by a report to Parliament which sets out the review's findings on the facts and Ministerial decisions.