

Survey about the Mental Health Act

Please only do this survey if you have supported someone who:

- Is now sectioned under the Mental Health Act
- Has been sectioned under the Mental Health Act in the past



Introduction

The Mental Health Act 1983 is the law in England and Wales about the assessment, treatment and rights of people with a mental health problem.

This includes when a person is made to go into hospital because they are very ill with a mental health problem. This is called being sectioned.



This Independent Review of the Mental Health Act was set up in October 2017 to look at how the law was used and how things can improve for people who are sectioned.

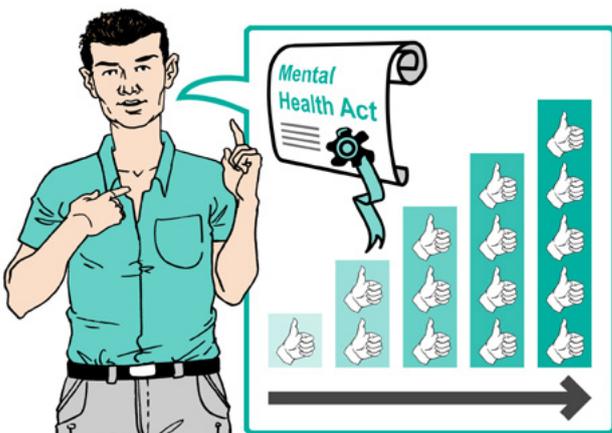


You can find out more about the review here:

<https://tinyurl.com/y9xbnhz9>



This review wants to listen to all of the people who have experience with the Mental Health Act.



We want to help people have their say about how sectioning could be improved and what the law should say.



This survey is for people who have supported a person who has been sectioned under the Mental Health Act.



The first questions in this survey are about you.



We want you to tell us what it was like to support someone who has been sectioned. It might have been one time or many times.



We will keep what you tell us private. We won't tell anyone else about you. No one will be able to tell who you are from the information you tell us.

About you



First name:

Last name:



Email:



If you tell us your email address, we can let you when we have got your response. We will only contact you if you would like to hear from the Mental Health Act review team.



Are you happy for the Mental Health Act review team to use your email address to contact you to make sure they are clear about your answers, if we need to?

Yes

No



Are you happy for the Mental Health Act review team to use your email address to contact you about the Mental Health Act review?

Yes

No

Questions



1. Was being sectioned the best way to help the person you support?

Yes

No

Not sure



Please tell us why you think this?

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2. What could have been done differently to stop the person you support from being sectioned?

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3. While the person you supported was sectioned how was the care they were given? This could be either in hospital or on a Community Treatment Order.

(A Community Treatment Order means you get your treatment in the community. There are rules to this and you must follow them.)

Very good

Good

OK

Bad

Very bad

Please tell us why you think this:

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4. How was your own experience of supporting that person while they were sectioned? This could be either in hospital or on a Community Treatment Order.

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5. What are the most important things that can help people stay well and reduce the need to be sectioned again after leaving hospital?

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6. Do you feel the person you support was treated with respect?

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7. Do you feel you were treated with respect?

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8. What rights do you think a person sectioned under the Mental Health Act should have?

A right is something you should have or be able to do.

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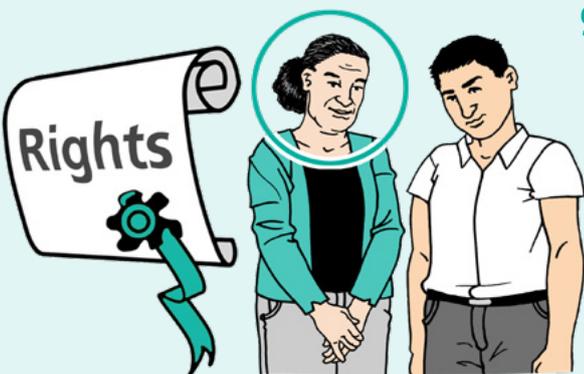
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9. What rights do you think a carer (e.g. a family or friend) should have when supporting someone sectioned under the Mental Health Act?

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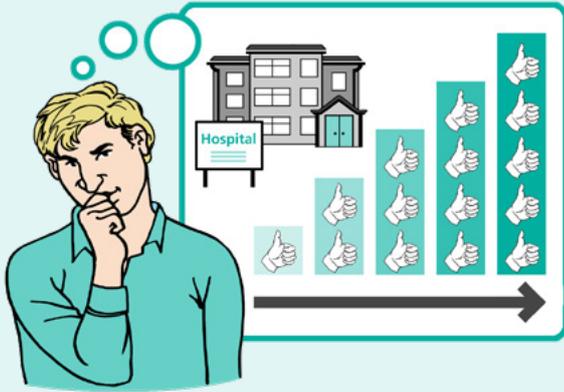
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10. Think about your experience of supporting someone who has been sectioned. What would have made it better?

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11. Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

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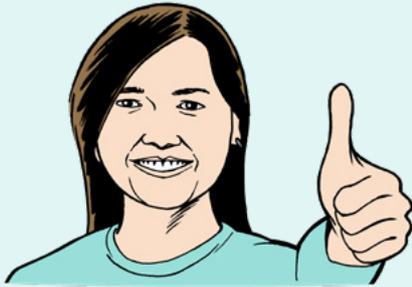
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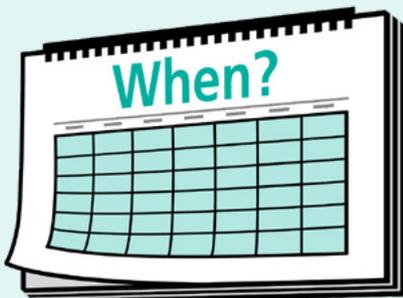
Thank you for telling us about your experiences.



The next questions will ask you a bit more information that will help us know more about what has happened.



12. How many times has the person you support been sectioned?



13. When were they sectioned? You can tick more than one box if you need too.

2015–2018

1995–1999

2010–2014

1990–1994

2005–2009

1985–1989

2000–2004

1980–1984





14. On the times the person you support was sectioned, were any of the following groups of people involved? You can tick more than one box if you need to.

Family

Friends

GP

Police

Hospital emergency team

Community mental health support team

Paramedics

Other



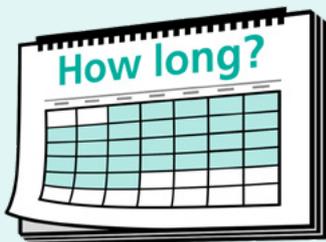
15. What type of hospital were they sectioned in?

NHS provider

Independent

Both

Other



16. How long were they sectioned for? You can tick more than one box if you need to.

Up to 28 days

Between 28 days and 6 months

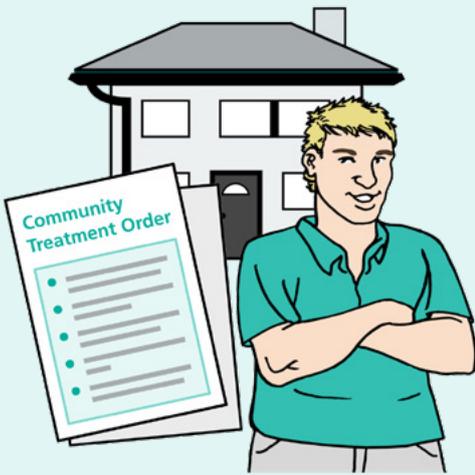
Between 6 months and 2 years

More than 2 years

Other



17. Do you know which section(s) of the Mental Health Act they were sectioned under? If yes, please tell us:



18. Has the person you support been on a Community Treatment Order?

No

I don't know

Yes - they have been on a Community Treatment Order in the past

Yes – they are currently on a Community Treatment Order



19. Please tell us what disability or long-term health condition the person you supported has. It might be more than one.



20. Do you work or volunteer in mental health? For example as a mental health professional or peer support worker?

More about you



21. Your age:

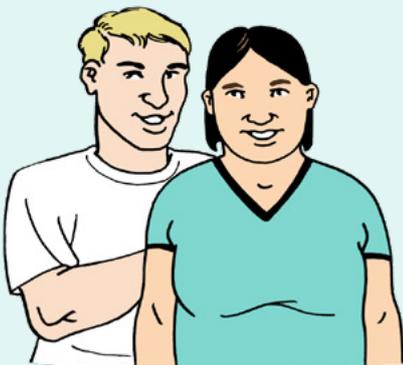
	35 - 44
Under 18	45 - 54
18 - 24	55 - 64
25 - 34	65 or above



22. What is your gender?

Female	Prefer not to say
Male	

If none of these apply to you, please let us know how you identify here:



23. What is your ethnic group?

Please choose one option that best describes you:

White

English / Scottish / Welsh / Northern Ireland / British	
Irish	Gypsy or Irish Traveller

Any other white background, please describe:

Mixed / Multiple ethnic groups



White and Black Caribbean

White and Black African

White and Asian

Any other, please describe:

Asian / Asian British



Bangladeshi

Indian

Chinese

Pakistani

Any other, please describe:

Black / African / Caribbean / Black British



African

Caribbean

Any other, please describe:



Prefer not to say my ethnic group

24. Where do you live in the UK?



Scotland

Wales

Northern Ireland

North East of England

North West of England

Yorkshire and Humber

East of England

East Midlands

South East of England

West Midlands

South West of England

London

25. What is your sexual orientation?



Heterosexual / Straight

Gay / Lesbian

Bisexual

Prefer not to say

If none of these apply to you, please let us know how you identify here:

26. Do you consider yourself to be disabled?



No

Yes

The Equality Act 2010 defines a person as disabled if they have a physical or mental impairment, that has a substantial and long term (i.e. has lasted or is expected to last at least 12 months) and adverse effect on a person's ability to carry out normal day to day activities.



Thank you for filling in this survey.

Please print it out and post it to:

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