Easy Read version of Learning Disabilities information from the Mental Health Services Dataset

People with Learning Disabilities and Autism in hospitals

Monthly Update

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About this report

What do we do?

We collect information about people with a learning disability or autism or both.

This information is taken from a collection called the mental health services dataset.

Who tells us this information?

The information comes from the hospitals who provide the hospital care.
Why are we doing this?

Some people with learning disabilities or autism were abused at Winterbourne View, a specialist hospital.

Specialist hospitals are not like other hospitals.

They are for people who have behaviour that is challenging or have a mental health problem.

We are collecting information to help ensure that care is getting better and that abuse never happens again by monitoring:

- patients who are in hospital and whether they need to be there.
- that patients with learning disabilities or autism are supported to live in the community.
What do we need to know?

How many patients are in hospitals?

How long have patients been in hospital?

When are patients supposed to leave hospital?

How far away from home are patients?

Are patients getting appropriate care?
What do we do with the information?

We collect information every month.

We write a report like this every month.

Each report has information and numbers in tables.
August 2019

How many people are in hospitals?

At the end of August 2019, there were 3,870 people with a learning disability or autism in hospitals in England.

Are people leaving hospital?

People go into and leave hospital all of the time.

This month 1,650 people left hospital. 1,570 people went into hospital.

This means that more people left hospital than went into hospital.

Are the people in hospital male or female?

Of the people in hospital, many of them were male (2,785 men).

There were less women (1,075 women).
How old are the people in hospital?

The largest number of people who were in hospital were aged between 25-34 (1,115).

The smallest number of people were 65 and over years old (225).

How far away from home are the hospitals that people are receiving their care?

Sometimes the hospitals that people receive their care in are far away from home.

515 people in hospital are more than 50km away from where they live.

When are people supposed to leave hospital?

It is important that people are only in hospital to get treatment.

After they have received their treatment they should be allowed to go home.

Around one in seven patients have a date planned for them to leave hospital (440).
How long have people been in hospitals?

Most people go into hospital to have treatment for a very short time.

Over a third of the people with a learning disability or autism in hospital have been there for over two years. (1,400).
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