

Meg Hillier MP
Chair, Public Accounts Committee
House of Commons
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Dear Meg,

Transforming Care for people with a learning disability

I am writing in response to the Committee's first recommendation in the fifty-eighth report of the 2016/17 session: *Local support for people with a learning disability* requesting annual updates on progress to reduce the number of beds in mental health hospitals.

According to the latest data (May 2017), the total number of people with a learning disability and autism in a facility registered by the Care Quality Commission as a hospital providing mental or behavioural healthcare has fallen by 10% from 2,860 in March 2015 to 2,565 in March 2017. In 2016/17, Transforming Care Partnerships reported 148 beds decommissioned against the 136 planned.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jane Cummings', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Jane Cummings
Chief Nursing Officer for England