

**Self-Advocacy**



**Together**

**We are Self-Advocacy Together.**

**We are a social movement of self-advocates and self-advocacy groups.**

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**We are supported by Learning Disability England.**



Learning Disability England

**You can read about us on the LDE website by clicking [here](#).**



**It is nearly a year since we saw on TV people being abused in Whorlton Hall.**



**More than 2,000 adults and children are still in secure mental health units.**



**Since the coronavirus lockdown started, people in secure units may not have seen advocates or family carers. We are worried about their welfare.**



**We are running a campaign on social media called**

**#right2home**



People have the right to live where they want, in their own home, near their family.



The campaign will tell the government to keep its promise to move people into their own home.



Please click on the links below to follow the campaign on social media. This means you will see the latest news and see how to get involved.

[#right2home on Facebook](#)

[#right2home on Twitter](#)



We are planning 5 days of action from Monday 18th May to Friday 22nd May.

We will share news about this on social media.



On Friday 22nd May we will have a meeting with NHS England.

**NHS**

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This is what we are saying to NHS England.



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Because providers of secure care are with people all day and night, they have too much power over people.

This is a reason people in Whorlton Hall were at risk of abuse.



After Whorlton Hall, NHS England asked commissioners to visit secure hospitals every 6 weeks for under 18s and every 8 weeks for adults.



**A good visit will have an expert by experience going with the commissioner.**



**What NHS England is doing is good.**



**But more is needed.**



**We think peer-advocacy is needed. We know people can see an independent advocate. But people can relate more easily to someone with lived experience like theirs.**



**We think safeguarding training is needed for people in secure care.**

**This helps people to be aware if they are being abused or neglected, and what to do about it.**



**We think self-advocacy training is needed. This makes people more confident to speak up if they are being abused or neglected.**

**Self-advocates are the best people to deliver this training.**

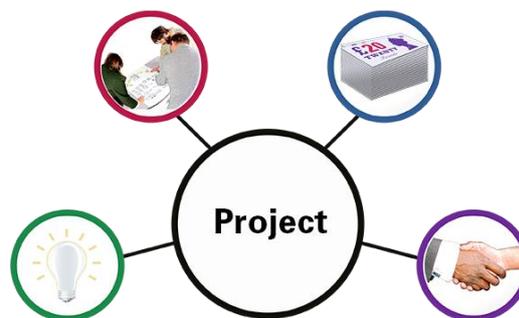


**People who have moved on from secure care should be involved in delivering this support and training.**

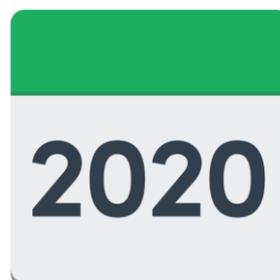
**This would help their recovery and wellbeing too.**



**We propose that a trial project is started in three or four places to test these ideas.**



**This trial project should start by the end of 2020.**



**We will share an update through LDE of how the meeting went.**

