

Bring back the Rights of Disabled People!



Get rid of the Coronavirus Act Provisions



Coronavirus or Covid-19: this is the virus that has spread all over the world in 2020. It has changed the way that people live and work. It has affected disabled people a lot because often, they are at risk of getting very ill if they catch the virus.

Coronavirus Act: this is an act that was put into place in March 2020. It gives the government emergency powers to deal with Coronavirus.

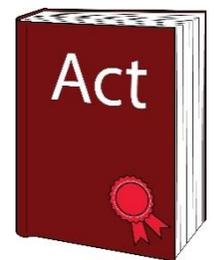
Provisions: this means the powers that the act gives to the government to deal with coronavirus. These powers can last for two years.

We who sign this document are calling for the Government to bring back the rights of disabled people. We are calling for the Government to make sure they **protect** the rights of disabled people who need social care and education support.



Protect: here this means making sure the Government take special care to make sure that they do not get rid of rights that are important to disabled

To do this, they must get rid of the powers from the Coronavirus Act 2020. The act gives government organisations the powers which go against disabled peoples' rights.



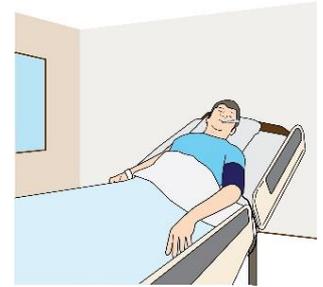
When the act was put into place, disabled people and our supporters spoke out against these powers.



The act is confusing and harmful. It has meant that disabled adults and children have had less care, support and education.



It is clear that the **pandemic** has affected disabled people very badly. We have suffered more than everybody else. For example, two out of three people who have died from Coronavirus have been disabled people.

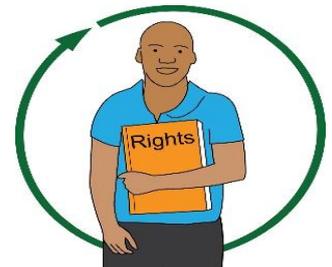


Pandemic: this is when a virus spreads all over the world.

People with health conditions have suffered the most. Seven out of ten people with a learning disability said they have had their social care cut during the pandemic.



In case there is a **second wave**, it is very important that the rights of disabled people are protected and not harmed even more.



Second Wave: here, this means when coronavirus seems to go away for a while but then it comes back again.

The Coronavirus Act has meant that local authorities are not meeting important social care duties. It has made support and education for disabled children worse.



It also allows local authorities to get rid of basic **safeguards** around mental health.



Safeguards: this means rules that are put into place to make sure that people who are at risk of having poor mental health can live safely.

Now is a time when people need care, support and education the most. It is not acceptable for the government to have less responsibilities by law.



Our lives must be treated as equal to everybody else's. Getting rid of our rights will mean we face more **barriers** and **discrimination**. It puts our mental and physical health and our lives at risk.



Barriers: in this document, this means the things that stop disabled people living equal lives.

Discrimination: in this document, this means when disabled people are treated unfairly because of their disability.

The Coronavirus Act has been in place for nearly six months. This means it will be time for the review of the Coronavirus Act soon.



Now is the time to look at the very bad impact that the act has had on disabled people's lives. It is time to bring back disabled people's rights by law.

