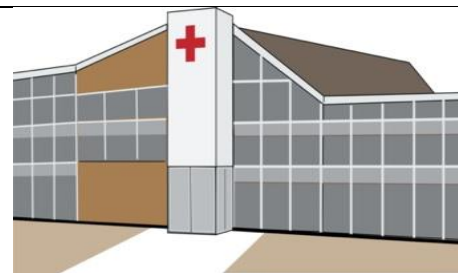


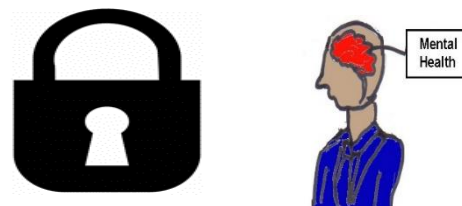
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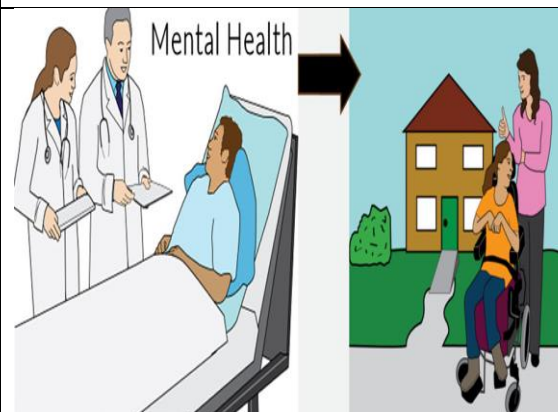
For too long people with learning difficulties and autistic people have been locked away in psychiatric hospitals because they are Disabled people.



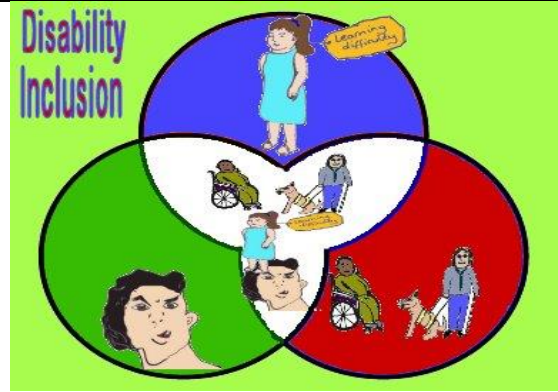
It is not acceptable for people to be locked up in hospital because they are Disabled people or because they need support to live in the community.



People with learning difficulties and autistic people must have the right to live within the community, in their own homes with choice and the level of support they need.



Inclusion London, a Disabled Peoples organisation, has funding from The Three Guineas Trust to set up a project to support people with learning difficulties and autistic people who want to live in their own homes rather than in hospitals.



Simone Aspis is the Project Manager of Free Our People Now (FOPN) project. Simone has learning difficulties and is neuro-divergent. Simone has supported Disabled people to move out of hospital into their own homes

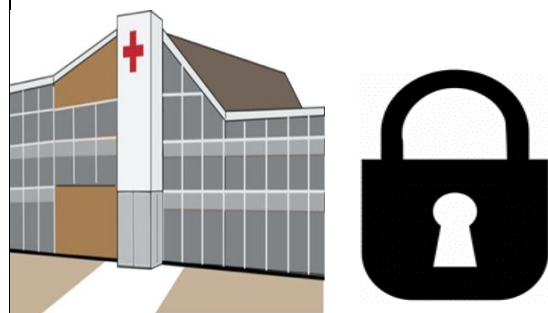


We want to work with Disabled peoples organisations (DPOs) and speaking up and campaign groups, run by Disabled people, who would like to support disabled inpatients to leave hospital and get the right support in the community.



We want to work with groups and organisations run by Disabled people, including people with learning difficulties and autistic people, who have or would like to work with:

- Disabled people who are in psychiatric hospitals
- Disabled people who have just left psychiatric hospitals
- Disabled people who are on Community and Treatment Orders



We also want to work groups and organisations run by Disabled people who are interested in getting laws, policies and rules changed so that everyone has the right to live in their own homes with great support.

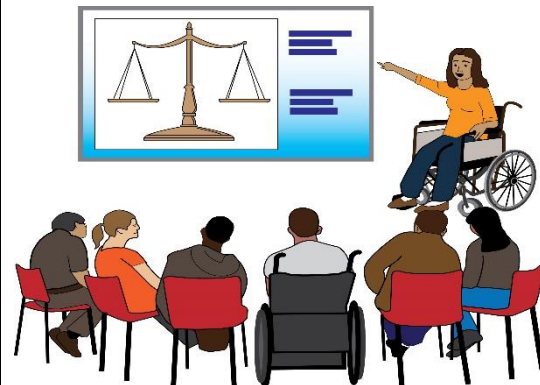


The project will be able to offer training, information and support so we have more Disabled people helping other Disabled people to leave hospital



Some examples of support we may be able to give are as follows:

- Talk and share information about the Social Model of Disability and Legal and Human Rights
- Support with getting your voice heard, campaigning and influencing (including helping groups meet with MPs and Ministers)
- Help to developing resources your group needs
- Bringing groups and individuals together to support each other



We will do our best to give you the support you need to carry out your important work.

If you would like more information about the Free Our People Now project contact

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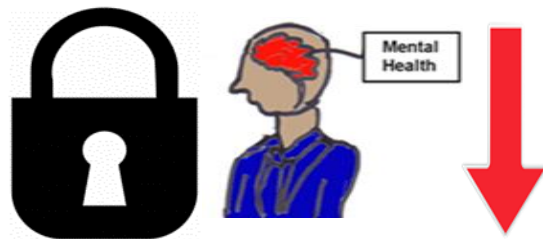
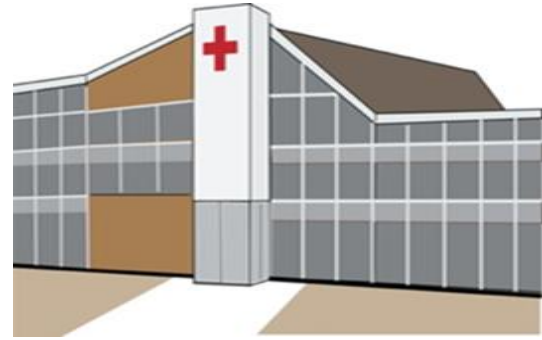
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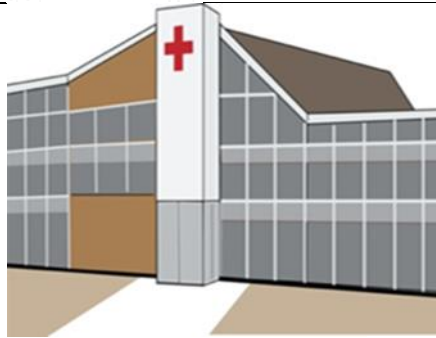
More Information about Free Our People Now

The number of adults with learning difficulties and autistic people in psychiatric hospital because they are Disabled people has only gone down by a third since 2015.

This is not good enough.



The number of children with learning difficulties and autistic children in psychiatric hospital because they are Disabled people has doubled since 2020.



The Government's Transforming Care Programme to move lots of Autistic inpatients and inpatients with learning difficulties from hospitals into their own homes has not worked.



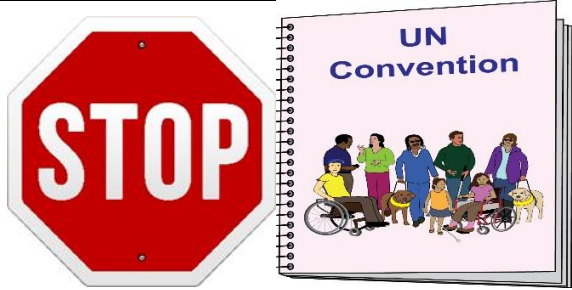
Things are bad for people with learning difficulties and autistic people.
We are going back in time where more Disabled children will end up



in hospital rather than living at home

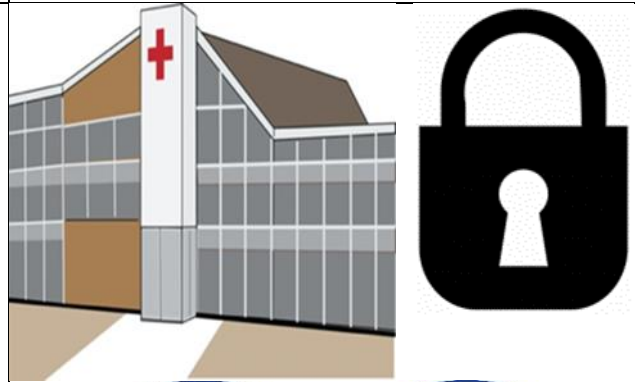


People with learning difficulties and autistic peoples' human rights to have choice and control over our lives have been attacked by Governments for many years.



This must stop.

The Free Our People Now project wants to stop autistic people and people with learning difficulties from being forced into psychiatric hospitals because they are Disabled.



Autistic people and people with learning difficulties must have the housing, care and support they need to have good lives.

