

Health Services Commissioning (Equality and Accountability) (No. 2) Bill

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BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Health service commissioning

- (1) Commissioners of health services shall exercise their functions with a view to ensuring that health services meet the needs of people with mental illness and learning disabilities.
- (2) Commissioners shall report on how they have met the requirement under subsection (1) in their annual report to the Secretary of State under Section 14Z15 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012. 5
- (3) A report, or part thereof, made under subsection 2 must set out the steps taken, and outcomes achieved, in relation to how commissioners have —
 - (a) improved the quality of physical and mental health services in terms of the patient experience; 10
 - (b) reduced inequalities in access to both physical and mental health services for people with mental health problems or learning disabilities or both; and
 - (c) reduced inequalities in both physical and mental health outcomes for people with mental health problems or learning disabilities or both. 15

2 Short title, extent and commencement

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Health Services Commissioning (Equality and Accountability) Act 2016.

- (2) This Act extends to England.
- (3) This Act shall come into force on the day after the day it receives Royal Assent.

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