

Perinatal Mental Illness (NHS Family Services) Bill

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Make provision about the appropriate level of access to NHS services and accommodation for mothers with perinatal mental illness; and for connected purposes.

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 National Health Service: provision for women with perinatal mental illness

- (1) The National Health Service shall provide services for women suffering perinatal mental illness and their children as described in subsection (2).
- (2) Services and accommodation shall be provided as are required to enable a woman falling under subsection (3), to care for that child or children in— 5
- (a) the hospital, or
 - (b) other residential or non-residential care setting where treatment is being provided.
- (3) A woman entitled to the services in subsection (2) is one who— 10
- (a) is the mother or adoptive mother of a child or children under one year old;
 - (b) is the main or sole carer of that child or those children;
 - (c) resides within 75 miles of the hospital or care setting mentioned in subsection (2),
 - (d) has been admitted to hospital, whether voluntarily or otherwise, to receive treatment for perinatal mental illness, 15
 - (e) has been assessed as not representing a risk to the health or welfare of that child or those children, and
 - (f) has expressed a wish for the provision, or outcome, described in subsection (2). 20

2 Provision target

The National Health Service shall aim to achieve the provision under section 1(1) and (2) in at least 95% of cases falling under section 1(3).

3 Responsibility

- (1) For the purposes of this Act, the duty in section 1, and target in section 2, shall fall to NHS England, or any authority, authorities or agencies hereafter inheriting that body's responsibilities.
- (2) In the event that no such authority or agency exists, the responsibility shall fall upon the Secretary of State. 5

4 Short title, extent and commencement

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Perinatal Mental Illness (NHS Family Services) Act 2016.
- (2) This Act extends to England. 10
- (3) This Act shall come into force on the day after the day it receives Royal Assent.

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