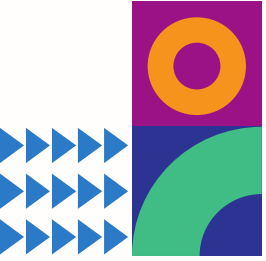


# Draft Mental Health Bill update

- Wessely Review of 2017/18 led to draft Mental Health Bill published on 27 June 2022
- Pre-legislative scrutiny committee – autumn 2022
  - Chief Executive Ruth Allen gave evidence
- Committee report published 18 January 2023
- Long wait for Government response, published 21 March 2024
- Already clear would be no new MH Bill before next general election as omitted from King's Speech in November 2024
  - BASW England/Mental Health Alliance response
- Labour public commitment to introduce bill to overhaul MHA as part of first legislative programme





# Mental Capacity Act update

- April 2023 – UK Government announced ‘delay’ to introduction of Liberty Protection Safeguards
- Two BASW letters to Minister, also signatory to letter with Rethink Mental Illness, RCPsych and others
  - Follow-up with Welsh Government
- Consultation on updated draft Code of Practice closed in July 2022 – still no Government response to consultation
- Updated Code would need removal of LPS as integrated
- No indication from Labour as to what would do if form next government

