

Dear Olga Lewis

Nation Assembly for Wales LCO 2008 - Relating to Provision of Mental Health Services

Re the above

- I would like to support the proposal that the legislative competence be conferred on the Assembly as I believe that earlier appropriate interventions will not only shift the balance towards more community based options but help address issues of stigmatisation and promote social inclusion .
- I think the Committee needs to consider whether Local Authorities should similarly have a duty to provide the assessment and treatment being proposed for the Health Service particularly as joint working may well give way to combined health and social care trusts . " Treatment " should perhaps be defined and may need to be restricted to interventions with an evidence base.
- I believe a statutory right to advocacy would similarly aid empowerment and assist in the recovery journey
- I think the Committee will need to give careful consideration to cross border issues will

I am responding as an individual and am not representing the views of my organisation . I would not be prepared to give oral evidence to the Committee

Yours Sincerely

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