



# Launch of Campaign & Lobby of Parliament

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## ***Stop Choice Being Denied to Adults with Learning Disabilities***

High quality and cost-effective care provision, which provides enriching quality of life outcomes for adults with severe learning disabilities, is being closed down and new ones prevented from opening because of CQC guidelines.

### **This is a clear breach of the UN & European Conventions on Human Rights.**

The CQC guidelines state that no 'congregate setting' will be registered or rated favourably in inspections. When challenged the CQC can provide **NO EVIDENCE** whatsoever to justify this denial of choice.

We can all choose where we live. People with severe learning disabilities should have the same right. This may be a city, a suburb, village, or a congregate community. This full spectrum of should be at the centre of guidelines that regulate any current or proposed service for people with severe learning disabilities.

David Wilks, Chair of the **Our Life Our CHOICE Campaign** called on the Government to change one sentence in the CQC's statutory guidance *Right Care Right Support Right Culture* to enable all people with learning disabilities in England and Wales to have a choice about where they live and how they are cared for.

#### ***For more information about our campaign please:***

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