MHB006 - Unigolyn

Senedd Cymru | Welsh Parliament

Bil arfaethedig – Datblygu'r Bil Safonau Gofal Iechyd Meddwl (Cymru) | Proposed Development of the Mental Health Standards of Care (Wales) Bill

Ymateb gan: Unigolyn | Evidence from: Individual

Enshrining overarching principles in legislation

Question 1: Do you think there is a need for this legislation? Can you provide reasons for your answer.

I'm not sure how this aligns with the new together for mental health strategy. Could it be duplicating work and you already have the mental health measure why not update that then produce a whole new bill. I'd be interested to know what other WG Members feel and the Mental health minister.

Question 2: Do you agree or disagree with the overarching principles that the Bill seeks to enshrine?

Yes I do agree with principles, but how will they be implemented and measured.

Specific changes to existing legislation

A. Nearest Relative and Nominated Person

Question 3: Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to replace the Nearest Relative (NR) provisions in the Mental Health Act 1983 with a new role of Nominated Person?

Can you provide reasons for your answer.

Yes I agree as some of us can be estranged from family and will not want them involved and we should be able to choose someone outside.

B. Changing the feel criteria for detention, ensuring the prospect for therapeutic benefit

Question 4: Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to change in the criteria for detention to ensure that people can only be detained if they pose a risk of serious harm either to themselves or to others?

Can you provide reasons for your answer.

Yes I agree as I know there has been cases for example someone with autism who was just having a meltdown and not in mental crisis being detained.

Question 5: Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to change in the criteria that there must be reasonable prospect of therapeutic benefit to the patient?

Can you provide reasons for your answer.

Yes I do agree as this will help the patient in there recovery. They will feel better knowing what is going to happen and that there is a plan in place.

C. Remote (Virtual) assessment

Question 6: Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to introduce remote (virtual) assessment under 'specific provisions' relating to Second Opinion Appointed Doctors (SOADs), and Independent Mental Health Advocates (IMHA)?

Can you provide reasons for your answer.

Yes I agree it would make it easier if you live somewhere rural.

D. Amendments to the Mental Health (Wales) Measure 2010

Question 7: Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to amend the Measure to ensure that there is no age limit upon those who can request a re-assessment of their mental health?

Can you provide reasons for your answer.

Yes I agree with this but maybe the whole document needs to be looked at not just this.

Question 8: Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to amend the Measure to extend the ability to request a re-assessment to people specified by the patient?

Can you provide reasons for your answer.

Yes I agree the patient should have this right no matter what age.

General Views

Question 9: Do you have any views about how the impact the proposals would have across different population groups?

Yes people who have substance misuse issues and also people who have learning disabilities.

Question 10: Do you have any views about the impact the proposals would have on children's rights?

I think there could be a separate document for children.

Question 11: Do you have any general views on the proposal, not covered by any of the previous questions contained in the consultation?

Mental health medications especially the process. from community mental health team psychiatrist and the GP and then with the pharmacist. Can be stressful and waiting a longer time for medication when it is needed.