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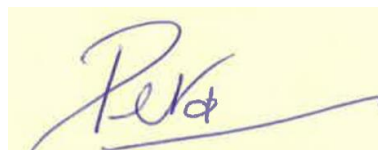
Dear Russell,

I am writing to you concerning the draft Mental Health Bill which was [published](#) by the UK Government on 27 June. I chair a Joint Committee of MPs and Peers which has been established by both Houses of Parliament to carry out pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Bill. We are required to report to Parliament by 16th December. The UK Government will then consider our recommendations, before deciding what changes should be made before the Bill is formally introduced to Parliament in 2023.

As the draft Bill extends to England and Wales, I wanted to ensure you were aware that our Committee had been established to scrutinise the draft Bill. Your Committee would be very welcome to submit written evidence to our inquiry if it would like. We would be particularly interested to hear about your work on mental health inequalities where relevant to the draft Bill. The Welsh Government has also been approached. You can find the call for evidence we issued [here](#).

Please could completed written evidence be sent to us by Thursday 13 October at teamjcmmentalhealth@parliament.uk. Your secretariat would be very welcome to contact the staff who support the Committee at that email address, should you have any further questions ahead of replying.

Yours sincerely,



Baroness Buscombe
Chair
Joint Committee on the Draft Mental Health Bill