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Dear

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|  | As my MP, I am writing to you about this important issue, as you are my voice in Parliament. |
|  | I am angry and upset that over 2,000 people with learning disabilities, and/or autistic people, are living in Assessment and Treatment Units. |
|  | People are only meant to be in Assessment and Treatment Units for a short time, before moving back into the community. |
|  | However, some people can live in them for years. |
|  | I am angry and upset that some people in Assessment and Treatment Units are being abused, by people who are meant to support them. |
|  | There have been some incidents of abuse that lots of people heard about, such as Winterbourne View in 2011, and Whorlton Hall in 2019. |
| Photo credit: Priory Group | There have also been some incidents of abuse that not many people have heard about, such as St John’s House in Suffolk in 2021. |
|  | I feel sick, angry and upset about this.  This abuse needs to stop. |
|  | Less people should be in Assessment and Treatment Units, or secure hospitals.  People should be supported to live in the community instead. |
|  | We Are Human Too have created a petition.  It asks that a user-led, independent body is created, to support the Care Quality Commission to monitor secure settings, such as hospitals and Assessment and Treatment Units, and hold them to account.  <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/588300> |
|  | ATUs should be places where people are supported to get through a crisis, before going back to their communities. Not places to be abused. |
|  | I am asking you to support this petition, and share it with people you know. |
|  | Please could you reply to me, and let me know how you can support this campaign?  Please reply to me within 14 days. |

With thanks

Your name

This letter has been created by We Are Human Too. This is a group of self-advocates, made up of people with learning disabilities and autistic people, from the North East of England.

Find out more about our work: <https://youtu.be/fbFRu6VRov0>