

# Your vote is your right

## Mental health patients have the same right to vote as the general population

### You can vote if you are a:

- Patient in the community
- Voluntary patient in a mental health hospital
- Patient under civil sections
- Patient on a Community Treatment Order
- Patient who lacks capacity
- Patient who is homeless or in B&B accommodation
- Prisoner on remand to hospital under the Mental Health Act on Sections 35, 36 or 48



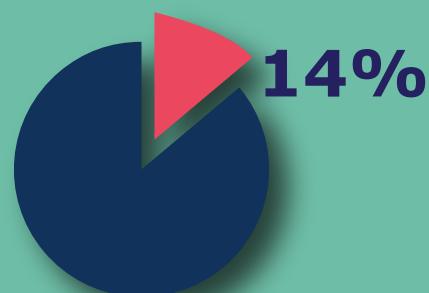
Politicians need to understand and support people with mental health issues



You can get support to vote



If you are an inpatient you can ask for leave to vote or request to vote by post



Lack of information of eligibility and the process led to voting turnout being just 14% in 2010

### To vote:

- You must be on the electoral register
- You can register online or by post
- You can find out how on the Government website <https://www.gov.uk/elections-in-the-uk/general-election>