

the 1990s, the number of people with a mental health problem has increased by 50% (Mental Health Foundation 1999).

There is a growing awareness of the need to address the needs of people with mental health problems, and a number of initiatives have been developed to improve the lives of people with mental health problems. The Mental Health Act 1983 was a landmark piece of legislation which gave people with mental health problems the right to be treated in the community rather than in hospital. The Mental Health Act 1983 was replaced by the Mental Health Act 2003, which gave people with mental health problems the right to be treated in the community rather than in hospital. The Mental Health Act 2003 was replaced by the Mental Health Act 2007, which gave people with mental health problems the right to be treated in the community rather than in hospital.

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