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# Book One

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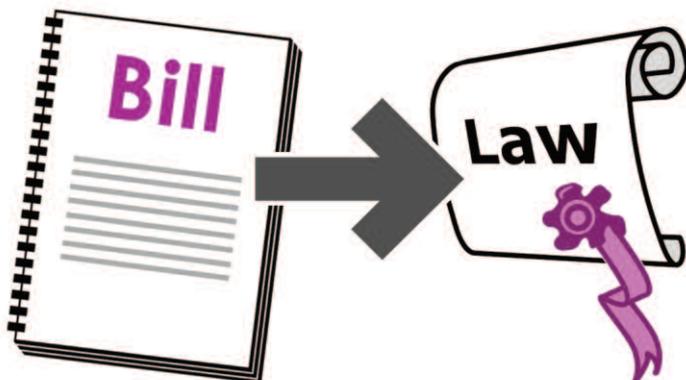
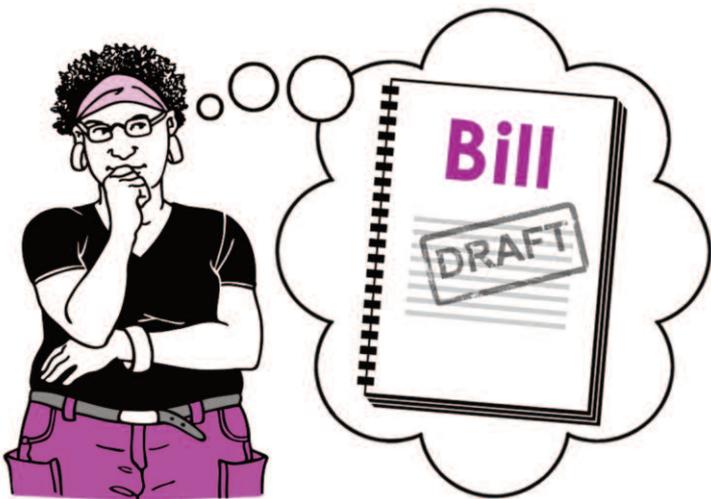
## About the LB Bill



This document is about the **Justice for LB campaign** and what we want to do.

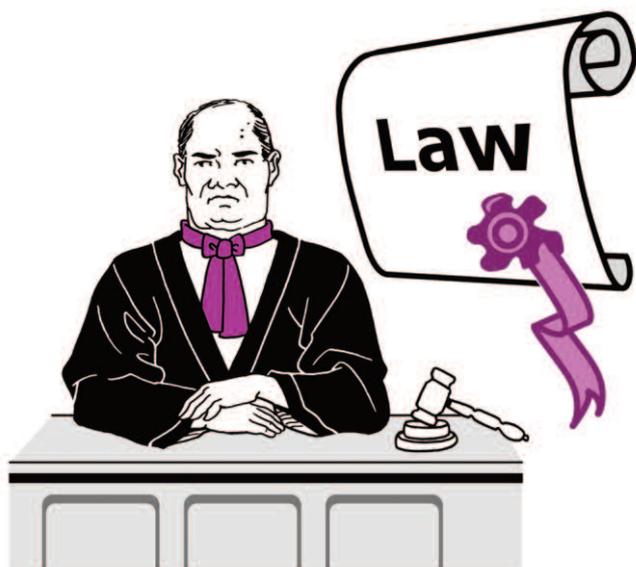
It tells you about an idea called the '**LB Bill**'.

The '**LB Bill**' is an idea for how the law can change.





We think the law needs to be changed to make things better for disabled people.



The law is the rules which everyone has to live by.



The NHS and your local Council also have to do what the law says.



The NHS is short for National Health Service. It is in charge of hospitals and doctors surgeries across the country.

It has local NHS trusts. Yours is

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A Council is the local government and is in charge of things in the town or place where you live. They run things like housing, rubbish collection, libraries and day centres.

They run things like:

- housing
- rubbish collection
- libraries
- day centres

Your Council is

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We have made **2 documents**.

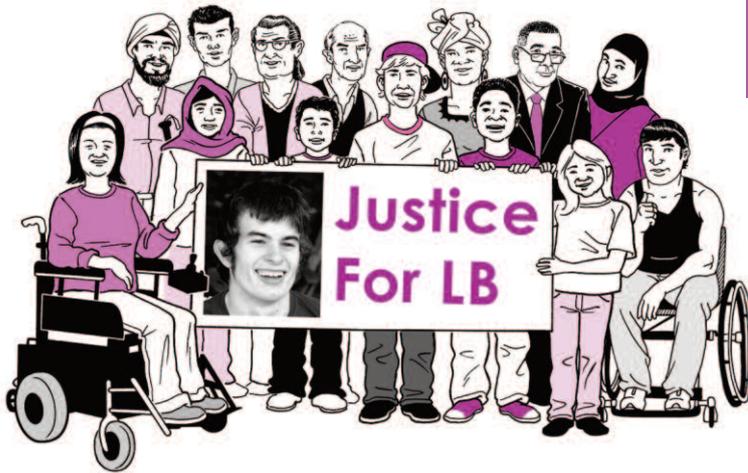
This document “**Book 1: About the LB Bill**” tells you:

- Who Justice for LB are.
- Why we want to change the law
- What we need to do to change the law
- What we want the law to say



The other document “**Book 2: What we want the LB Bill to say**”:

- Tells you more about what we want the law to say
- Asks you what you would like the law to say



## Who we are

We are called '**Justice for LB**'.  
We are a Campaign group.

A '**Campaign group**' is when a lot of people work together to make things better. Sometimes, people think things need to change if things are going wrong for them.

Sometimes, big organisations like the NHS, the Council or the Government do things that make people unhappy.





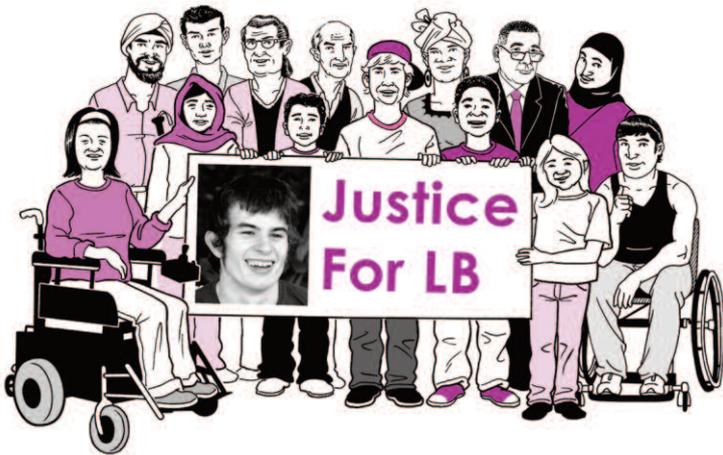
People can ask the NHS, the Council or the Government to stop doing these things. But sometimes they doesn't listen to people.



People can get together with other people who are unhappy about the same things. They can start a **'Campaign'**.



It is harder for big organisations like the NHS or the Government to ignore lots of people.



Lots of different people are part of the '**Justice for LB**' campaign.



Disabled people, family members, friends and other people who care about disability rights have all got involved.



Anyone can get involved in the campaign.



People who get involved in the campaign are '**supporters**'.

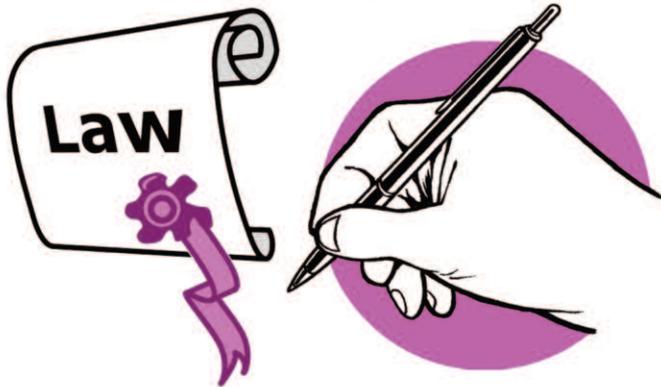


It doesn't cost anything to be a supporter.

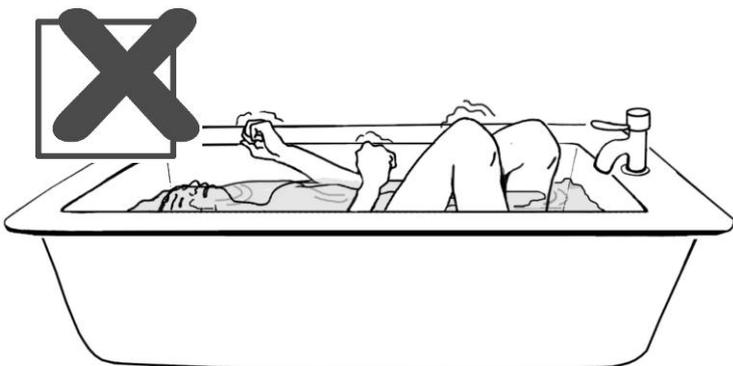


You just need to support the campaign and want to have your say.

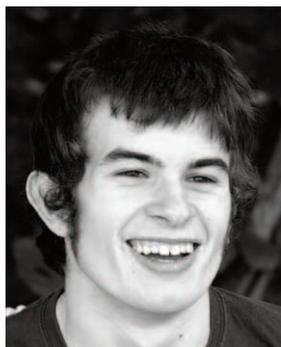
## Why we want to change the law



We want to change the law because of what happened to Connor Sparrowhawk.



We want to make sure what happened to Connor doesn't happen to anyone else.



Connor was a young man with autism and epilepsy.

Connor was called Laughing Boy or '**LB**' for short by his family and friends.

He was called this because he was always happy.

Connor needed help because he became unhappy.

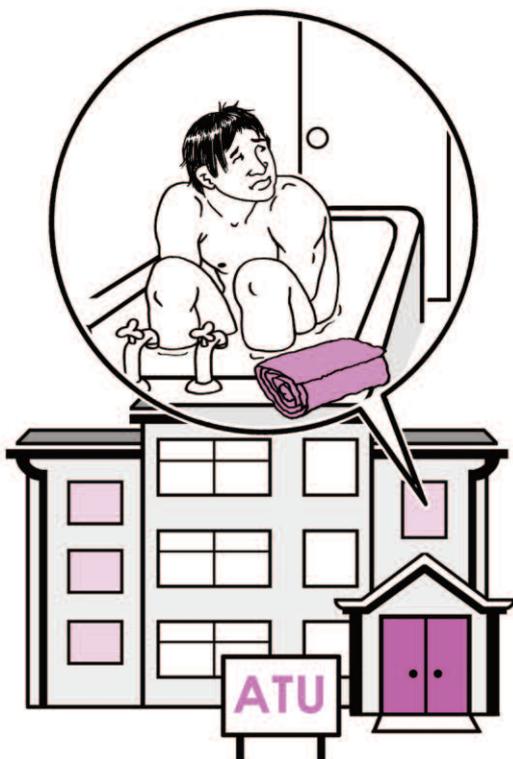
He went to an assessment and treatment unit (ATU) to get the help he needed.



Connor sometimes had fits or seizures.



This meant someone should be with him when he had a bath.



The hospital knew this.

He had a bath in the hospital but nobody stayed with him.

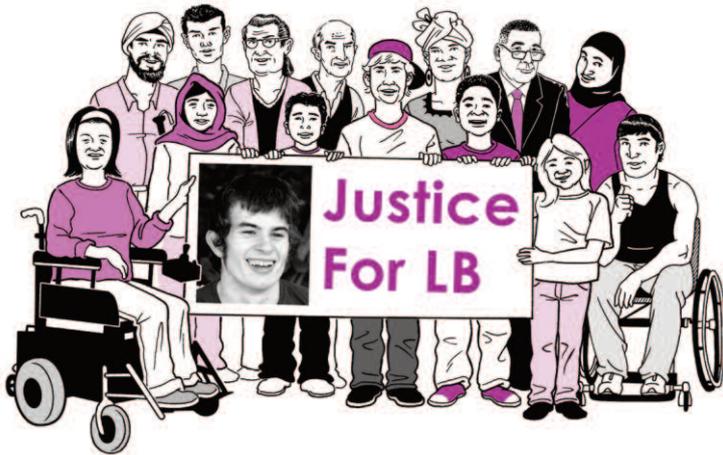


Connor had a fit or seizure. He drowned in the bath and died. This should not have happened.

Connor's family and friends were angry. They said what happened to Connor was wrong. They said he should not have died.

They felt that the hospital and the NHS did not listen to them.

Other people joined them. They did not know Connor but agreed what happened to him was wrong.



They formed a campaign group. They called it Justice for LB (Laughing Boy) after Connor.



The Justice for LB campaign heard other stories like what happened to Connor.

Some stories were about other people who died.



Some stories were about people who were moved far away from their families.

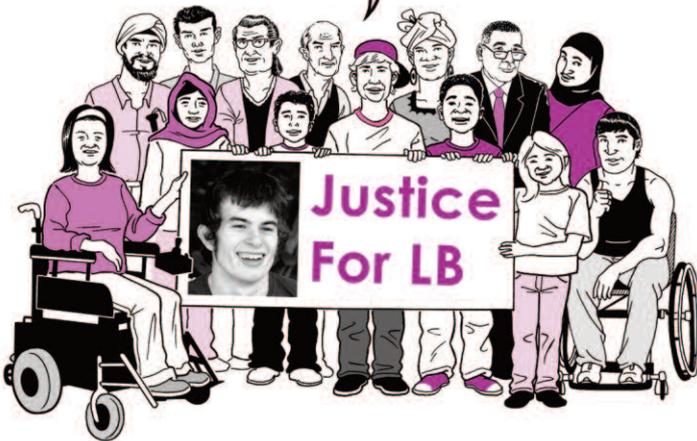


A lot of stories were about how the NHS and Councils didn't listen to people.



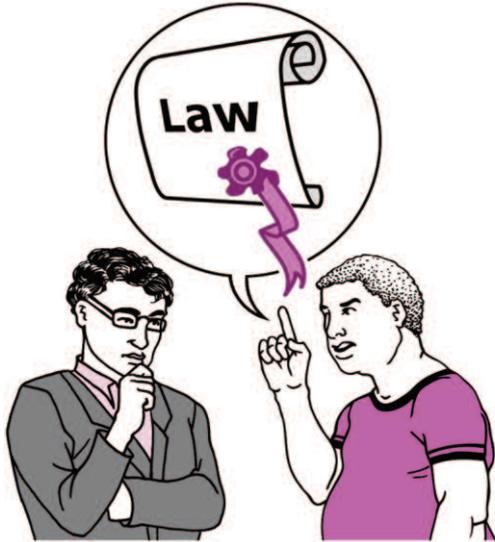
Justice for LB thought this was wrong that these things happened.

They thought it was wrong people were not listened to.



Justice for LB wants to change the law to make the NHS and Councils and government listen.

## What we need to do to change the law



The Justice for LB campaign has to ask the Government and MPs to change the law.



MPs decide what the law should say.

An MP is short for Member of Parliament.

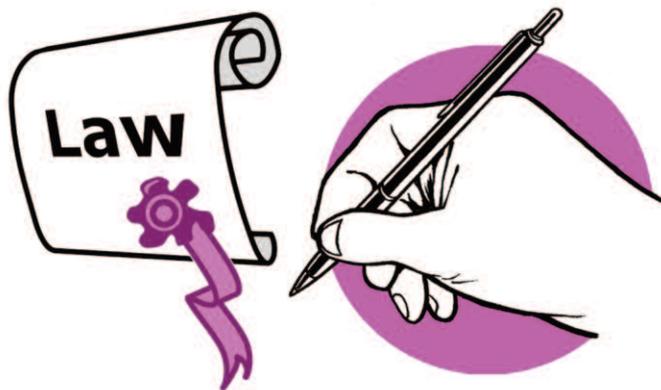


They represent different parts of the country. Your MP is

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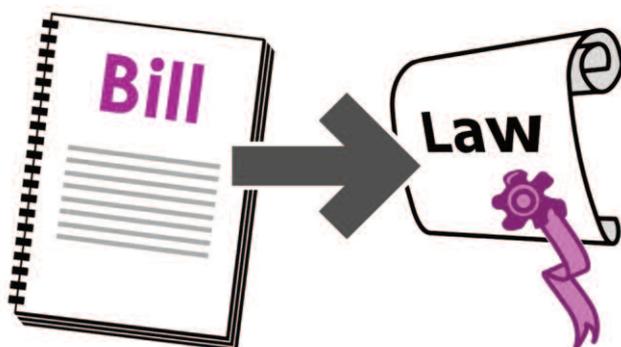
They work in a place called the Houses of Parliament. They decide what happens in the country.



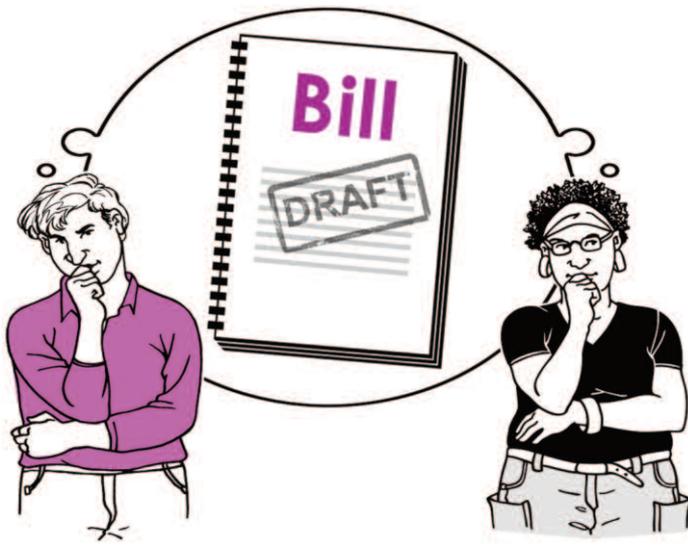
They can decide if laws can be changed or new laws made.



The Justice for LB campaign has to write something called a '**Draft Bill**'.



A Bill is a suggestion for new law.



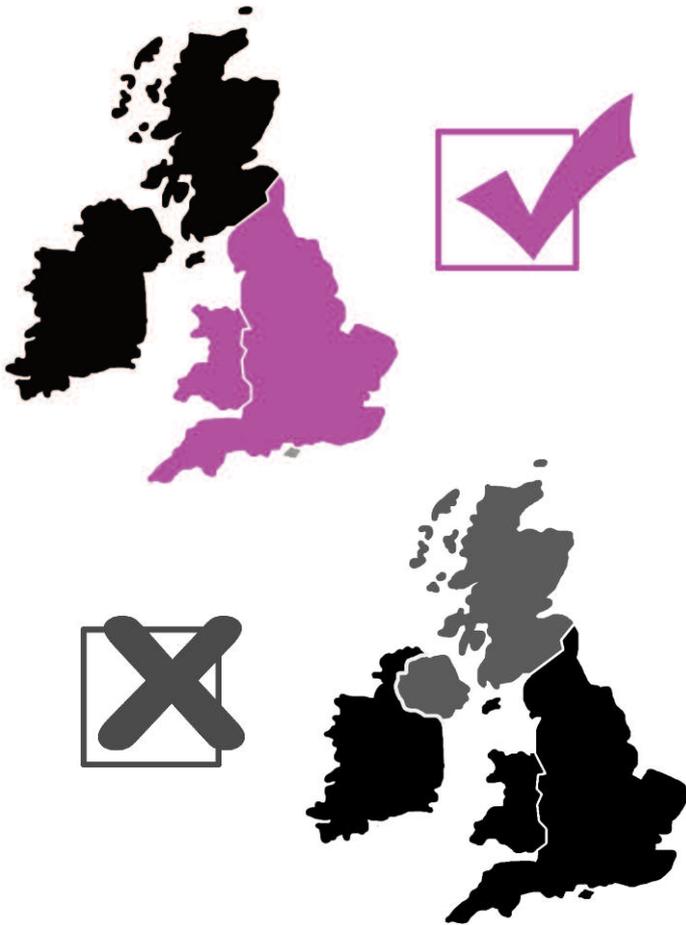
'**Draft Bill**' means it is just an idea and is not yet finished.



The campaign hopes that MPs will agree with our draft Bill.



If MPs agree with our draft Bill they will vote to make it law.

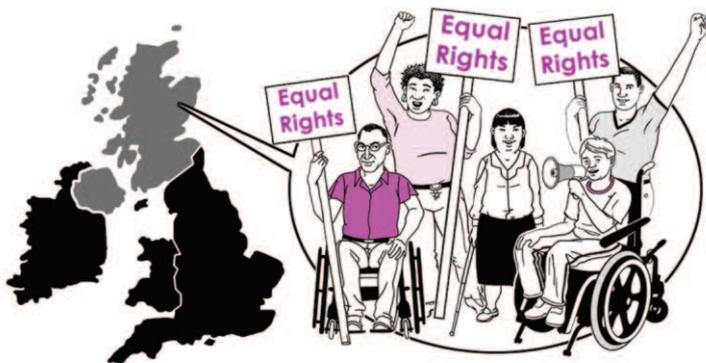


The new law will cover England and maybe Wales.

It will not cover Scotland and Northern Ireland.

This is because laws get made differently in different parts of the UK.

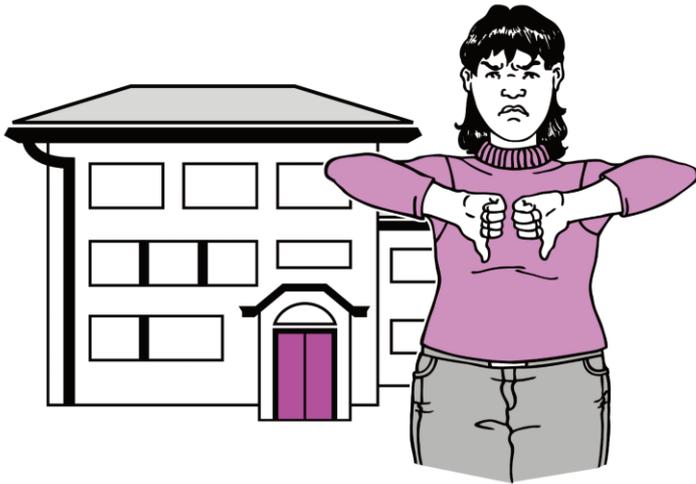
The campaign hopes disabled people in Scotland and Northern Ireland will campaign to change the law there.



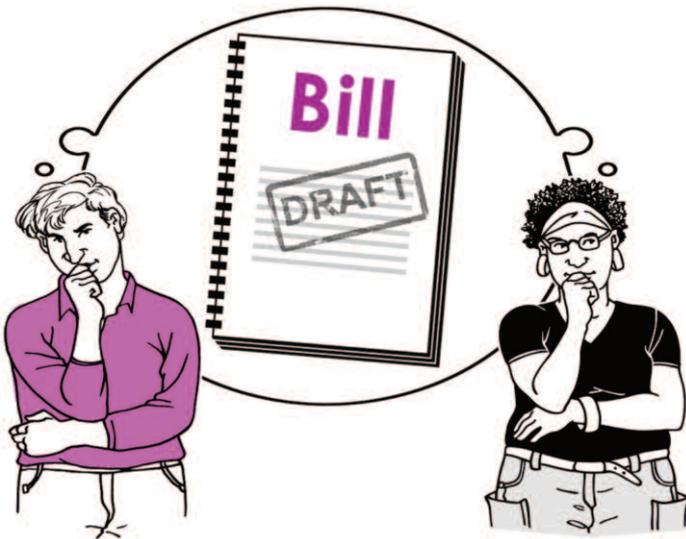
### What we want the law to say

Justice for LB wants to change the law so it is easier for disabled people to live where they want to live.





Justice for LB wants to change the law so it is harder to make disabled people live where they don't want to.

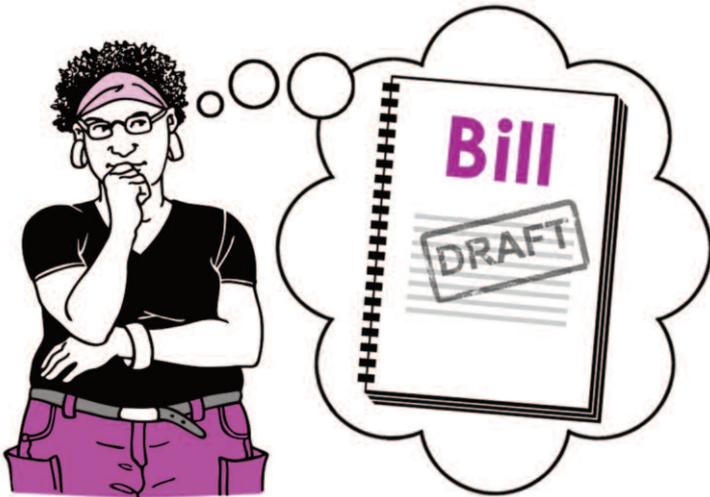


These are our first ideas about what we can say in the Bill.

Nothing has been decided yet about what the draft Bill will say.



The campaign need to hear from everyone about how the law should change.



Draft Bills have '**clauses**'.

A clause is one of the ideas about how the law should change.



We have made a list of our ideas.



We have made a document that tells you more about the ideas we want in the first draft of the Bill.



We want your ideas too.

Use “**Book 2: What we want the LB Bill to say**” to:

- Agree with our ideas.
- Disagree with our ideas.
- Think of your own ideas about how the law can make life better for disabled people.

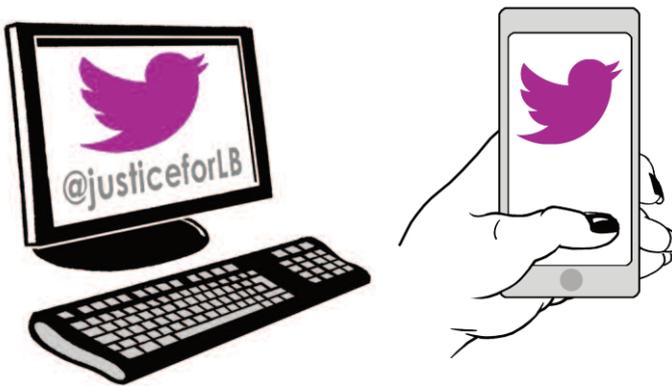
The campaign wants to work with disabled people and disability organisations to hear as many voices as possible.



Please send us your views and comments on these questions or anything else:

email

**LBillFeedback@gmail.com**



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**@justiceforLB** – or use the hashtags

**#justiceforLB** or **#LBill**



Facebook

– there are groups both for '**Justice for LB**' and '**LBill**'



Via the Bill blog

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