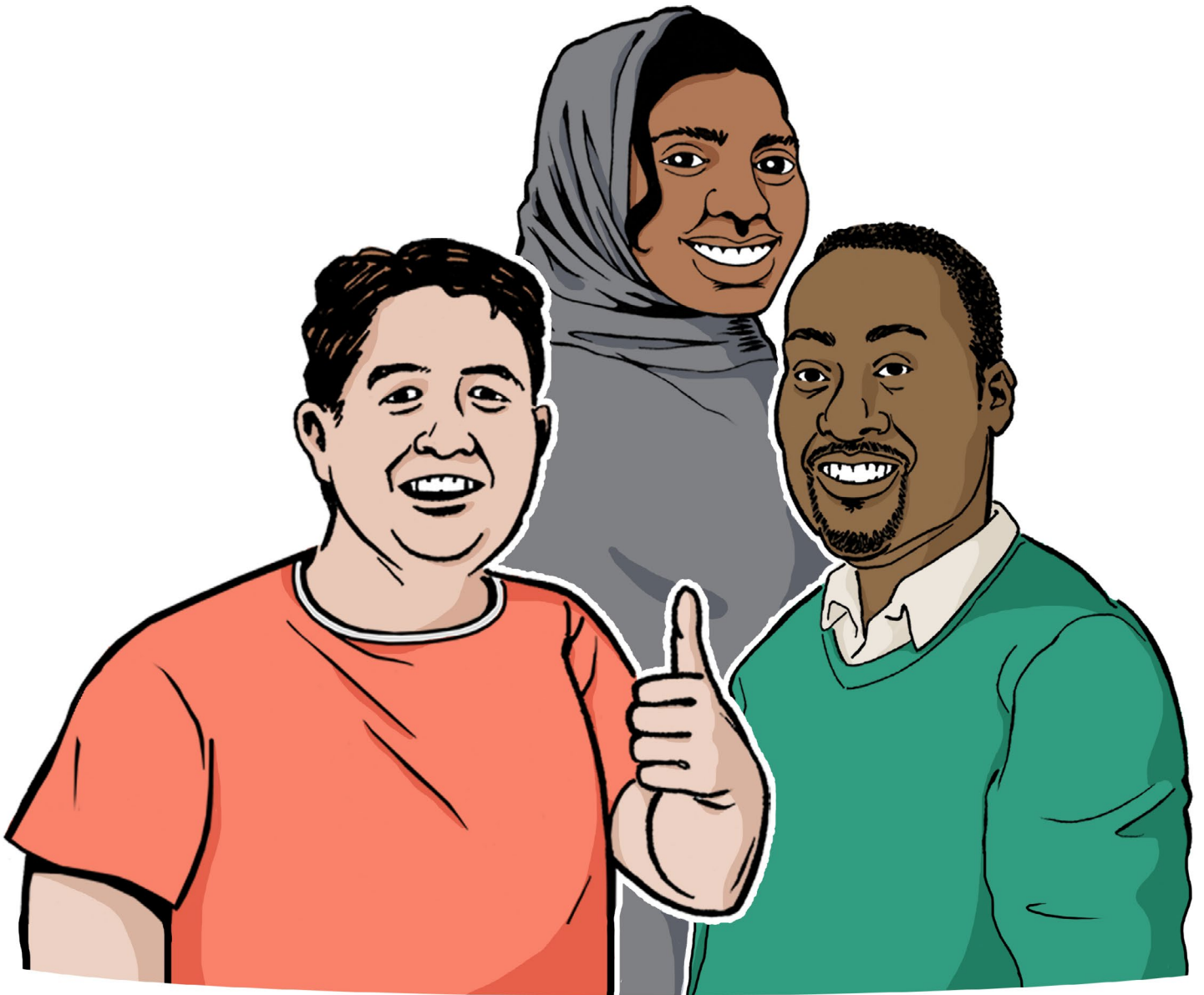


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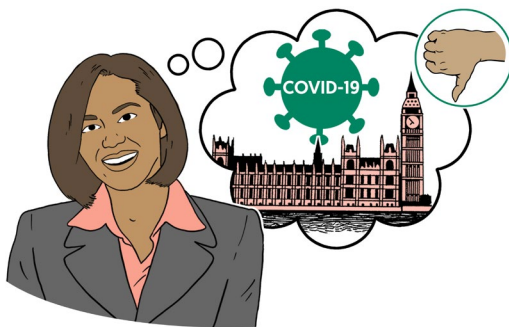


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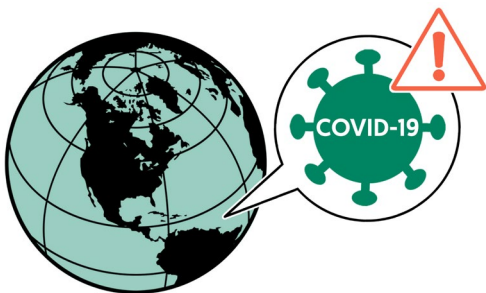
About



We are Liberty, we are an organisation that works to make sure everyone in the UK is treated fairly.



We think that the way the government has been working in the coronavirus **pandemic** has not protected everyone.



A **pandemic** is when a disease spreads all over the world, like the coronavirus.



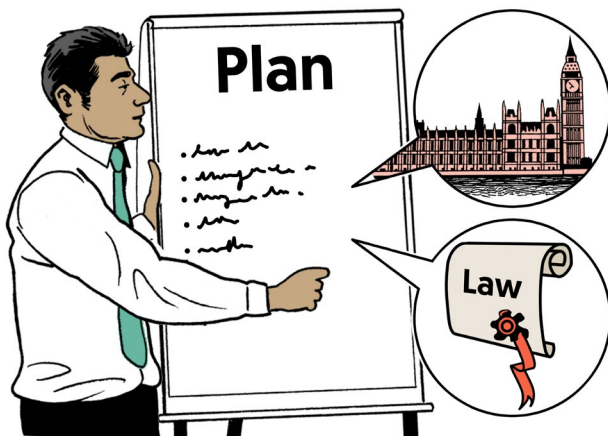
We think it is important to protect everyone's rights.



We think that there should be a new way of working that protects everyone.



The Coronavirus (Rights and Support) **Bill** will help to protect everyone. It is also called the Protect Everyone Bill.



A **Bill** is a plan for a new way of working or new laws that we would like the government to follow.

Government actions



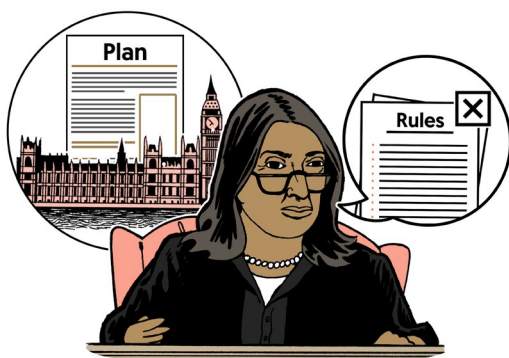
When the pandemic started a lot of people were frightened and we wanted the government to keep us safe.



The government has put the country into **lockdowns**. This is when everyone is told to not leave their home unless they have to, and to not spend time with people they do not live with.



These lockdowns have caused a lot of people to lose money.



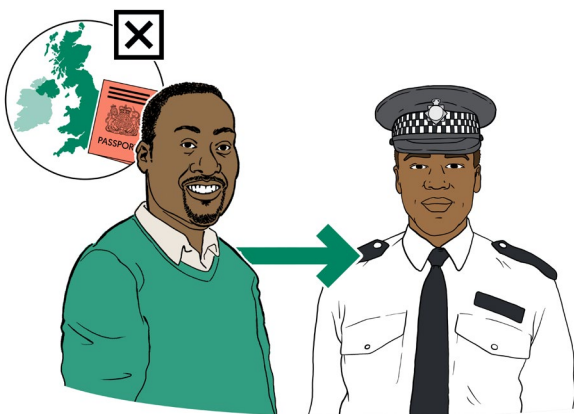
A lot of the government's plans were about how to punish people for breaking the rules.



We think that the plans should be about how to protect people instead.



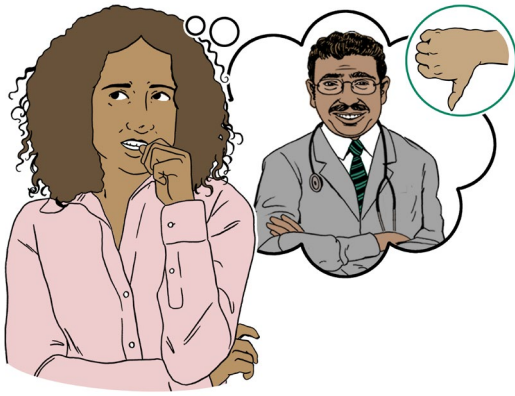
One of the government's rules is called the **hostile environment**. This means that doctors, landlords, police officers and teachers can ask a person to prove that they live in this country legally.



If they do not live in the country legally then they will be reported to the police and may be **deported**.



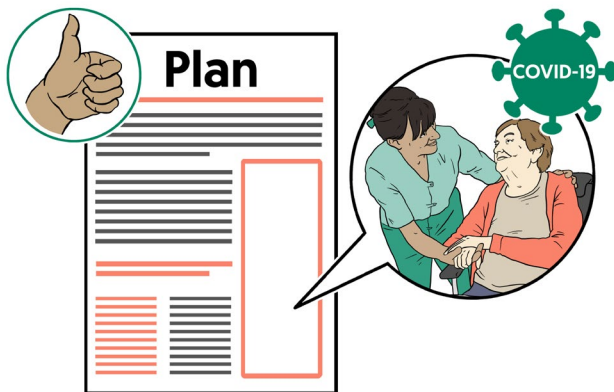
Being **deported** means you will be told to leave this country and sent to another country, or the country you were born in.



This has made some people too afraid to go to the doctors to get help.



We think people should be able to get health care without being afraid of being deported.

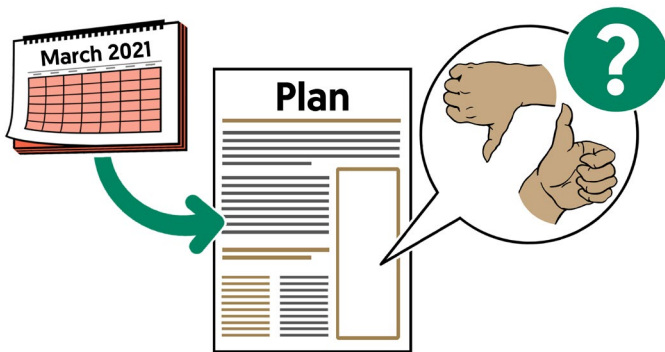


We think that the government's plan should be about supporting people through the pandemic.



We think the government's plan should be about helping people to be able to safely follow public health advice.

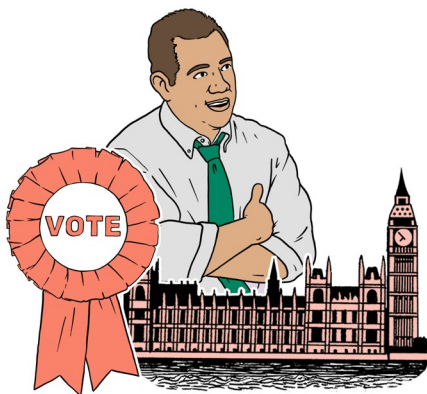
Time for change



The government's plan will be up for **renewal** in March. This means they will decide if they want to keep using their plan or if they want to use a different one.



We want our **MPs** to vote against the government's plan and vote for the Protect Everyone Bill.



MP stands for Member of Parliament. This is a person who has been voted to speak for your local area in the government.



If they vote against the government's plan there will be 3 weeks to make a new plan.



We want the government to use our Protect Everyone plan.



We have worked with charities and lawyers to make a plan that we think will help protect everyone during the coronavirus pandemic.

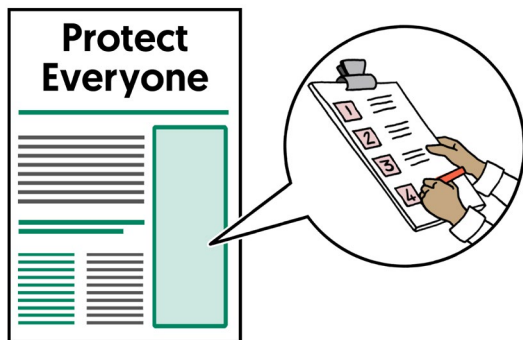


Our plan has clear rules that will help protect everyone's health.



Our plan will protect everyone's rights and treat everyone fairly.

Protect Everyone Bill

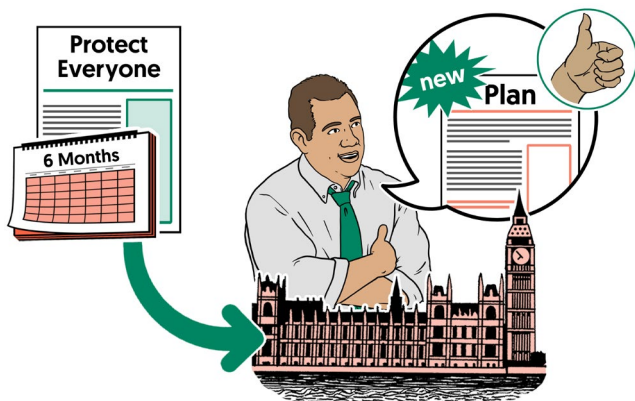


We have made a list of things that are in our Protect Everyone Bill.

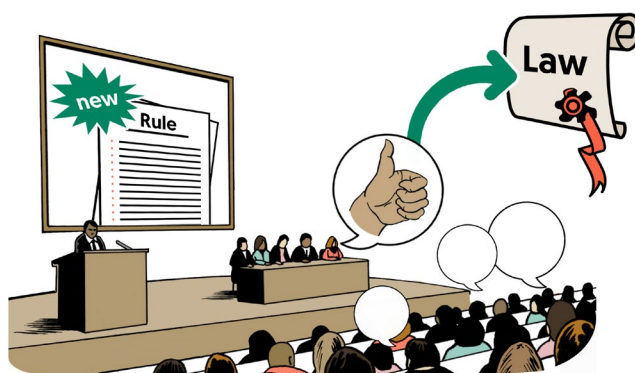


These are rules and plans that we think are important to keep everyone safe.

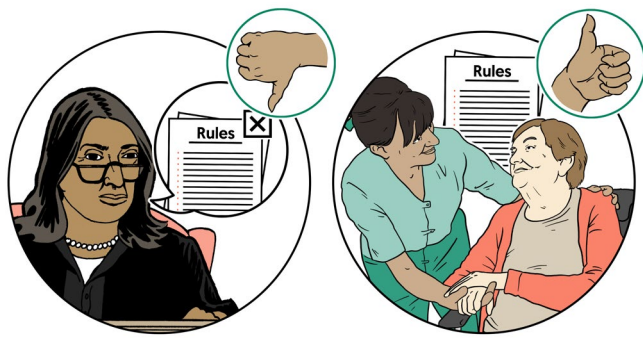
General rules



Our Bill is a 6 month plan. If the Government wants to make a new plan, it will have to be talked about by MPs and agreed on before it can be used.



Any new rules will be talked about and voted on before they become a law.



We want to support people to follow the rules instead of punishing people for not following rules.



The government plan means that police can put someone in quarantine if they think they have the coronavirus. Our Bill will stop this.



The police must make reports about following the coronavirus rules and if they have had to punish anyone.



We want the report to show the age, gender and ethnicity of people being punished and if they have a disability. This is so we can see how the police are working.



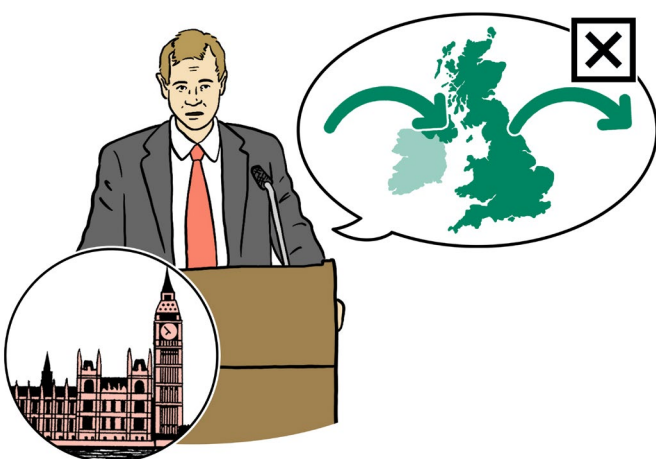
Our Bill will let people **appeal** any fines or punishments they get for breaking the rules.



Making an **appeal** means you are saying that you do not think you should have been fined or punished. And that you want the decision to be made again.



The government will not be allowed to ban protest. We think people should be able to protest.



The government's plan lets the **Health Secretary** close the borders to our country for any amount of time. This means people can not travel in or out of the country.



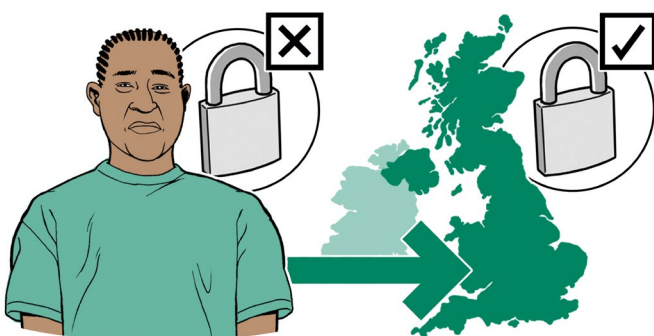
The **Health Secretary** is a person in the government in charge of health care and social care.



Our plan would mean that there is a limit on how long the borders can be closed.

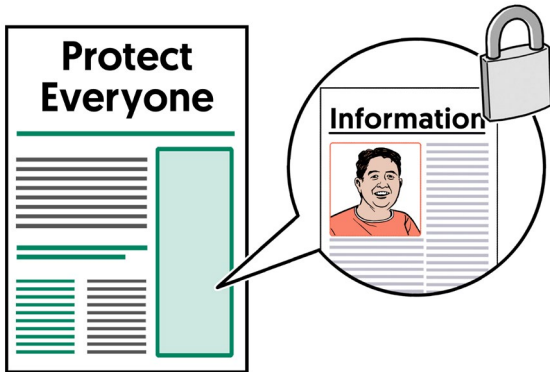


Our plan will make sure that travel rules do not stop people living their lives, **seeking asylum**, or travelling to help others.

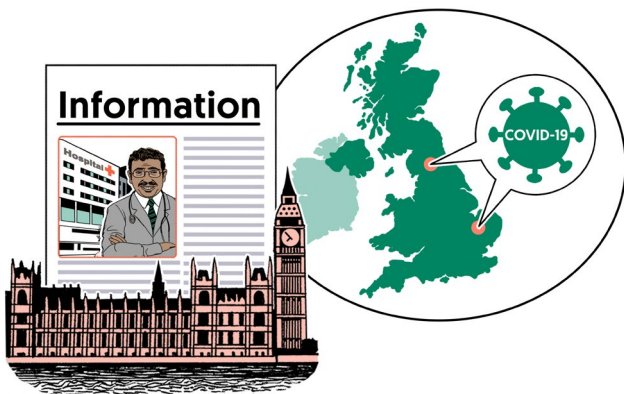


Seeking asylum means going to another country if you are unsafe in your own country.

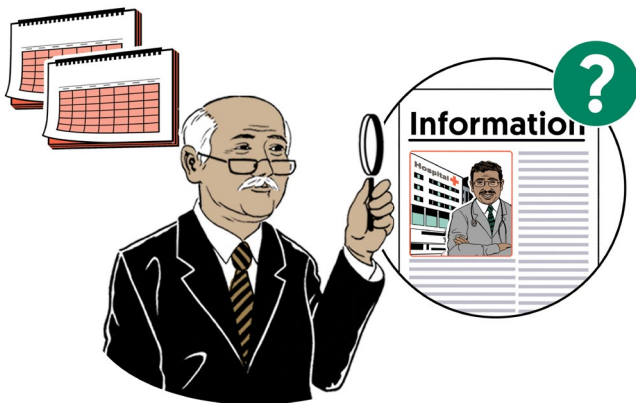
Data protection



This is what the Protect Everyone Bill says about **data protection**. **Data protection** means keeping your information safe.



The government has been using health data to see where people are and how the virus is moving.



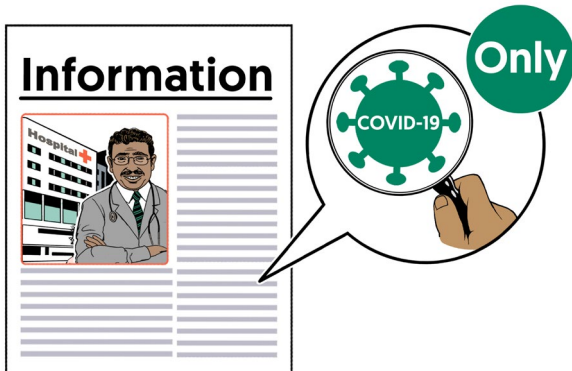
The Protect Everyone Bill says the **Information Commissioner's Office** must regularly check the way the government uses the data it has collected about people.



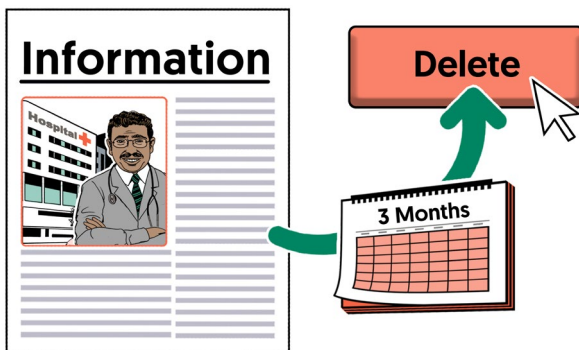
The **Information Commissioner's Office** is an organisation that makes sure people's information rights are protected.



The government must regularly make rules about data protection for any new COVID-19 systems like Test and Trace.

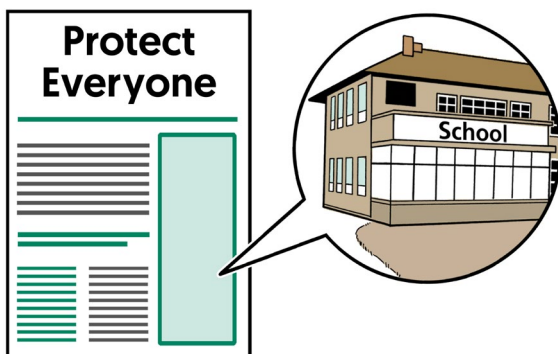


Any data collected to see who has coronavirus and who they have been in contact with must only be used for this purpose.

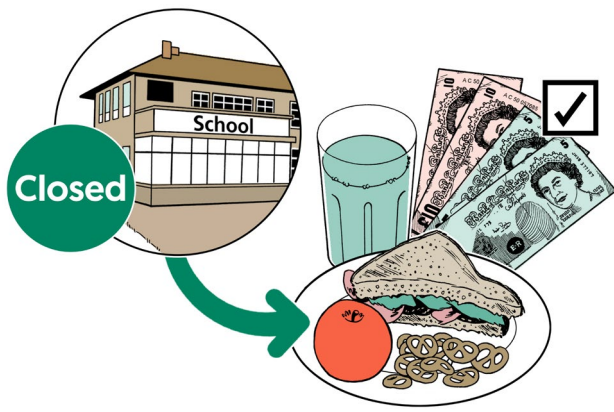


The data must be deleted after 3 months.

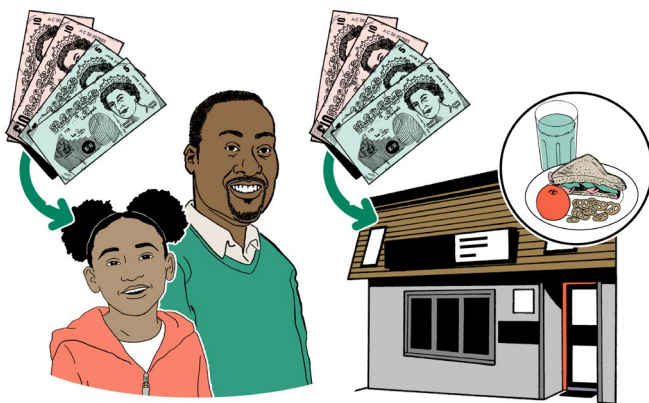
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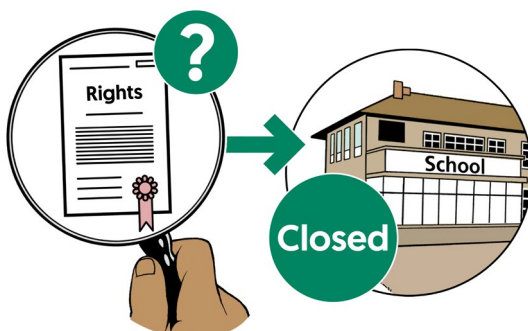
When schools are closed the government should send money to help pay for children's meals.



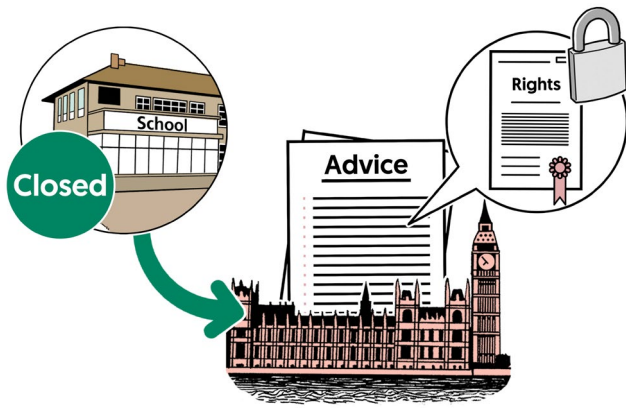
The money should be sent to the families or to local organisations to provide food packages to families.



The government should give Free School Meals to children in school holidays.

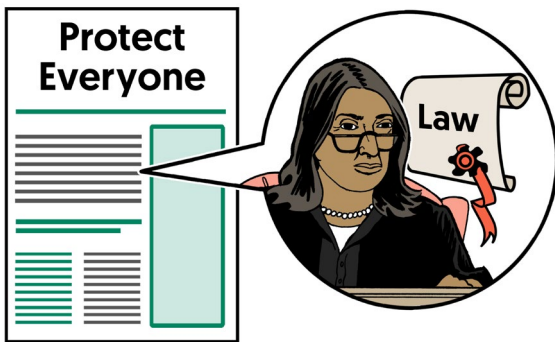


Before a school is closed the government must make sure everyone's rights are protected.



If the government closes schools they must give out advice on how everyone's right to education is going to be protected.

Justice



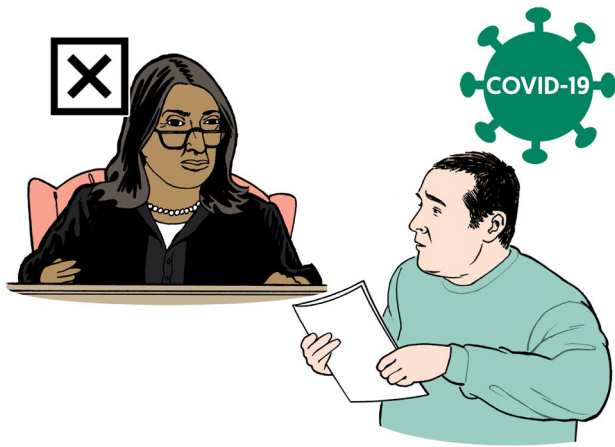
This is what the Protect Everyone Bill says about law and justice.



The government must give advice to help people understand what is happening in court.



The government must make sure everyone can take part in **hearings**. **Hearings** are when you go to court and a judge makes a decision.



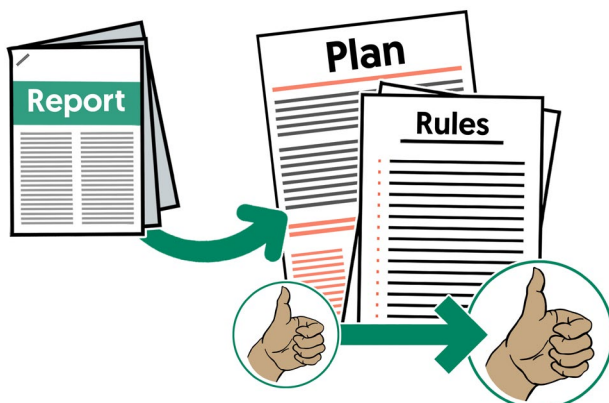
Because of the coronavirus you may not be able to have a hearing in person.



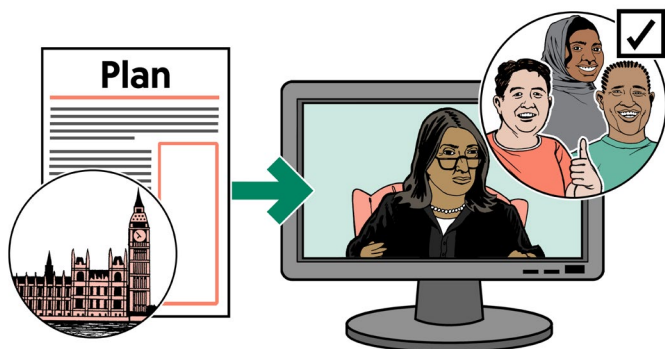
You may have your hearing online through a video call, this is called a **virtual hearing**.



Our plan means the government must collect data about virtual hearings and publish reports about what they learned.



This is so we can make better rules and plans about virtual hearings in the future.

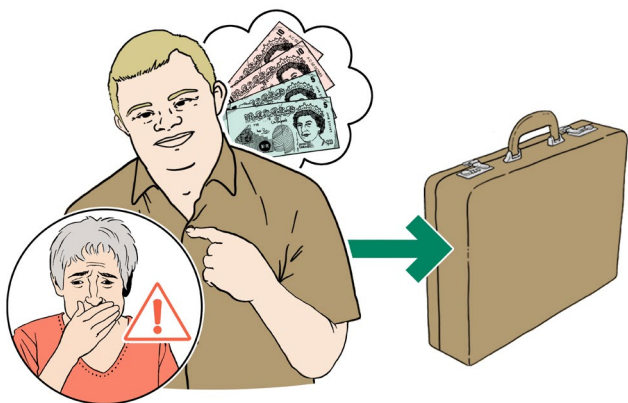


The government must make plans to make sure that everyone can take part in virtual hearings.

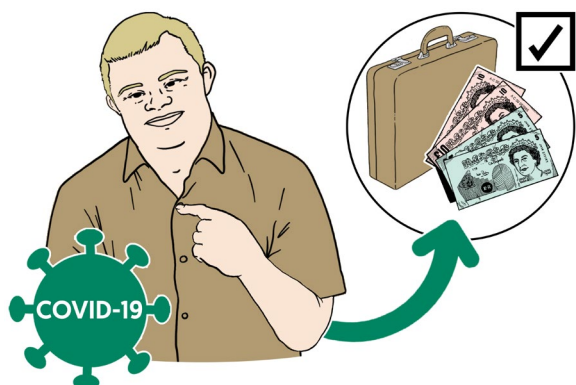
Jobs



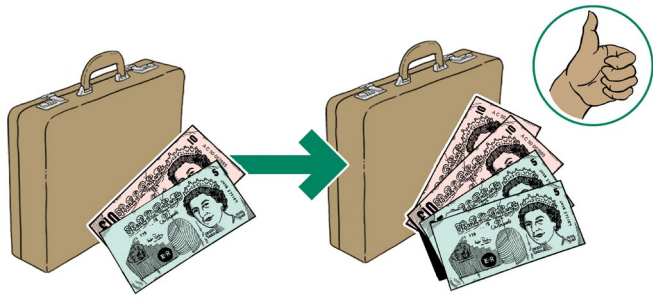
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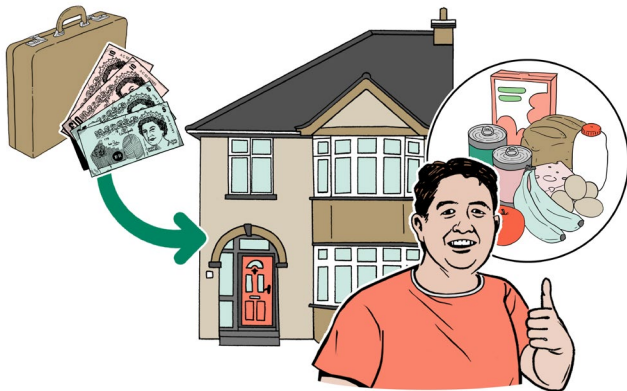
Some people have had to keep working even when they are sick to pay for the cost of living.



Our plan says anyone who is sick or self isolating because of coronavirus will get full pay while they are off work.



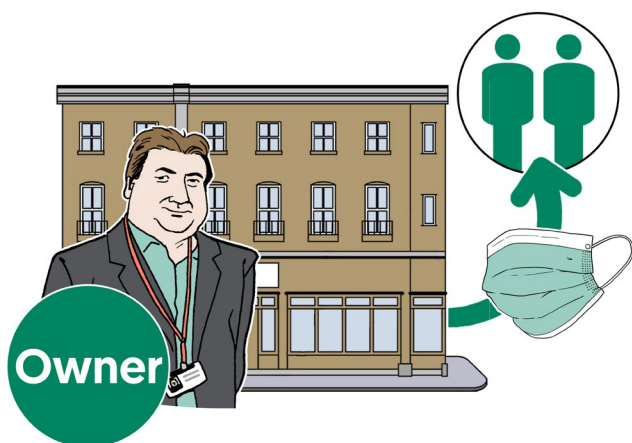
The government must raise the minimum wage to the **Living Wage**.



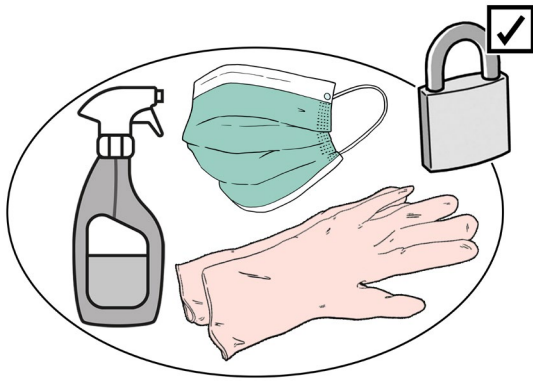
The **Living Wage** is the amount of money we think people would need to live a normal life.



For people in London the minimum wage should be raised to the London Living Wage. This is because it costs more to live in London.



People who own businesses must give safety equipment to their **employees**, these are the people who work for them.



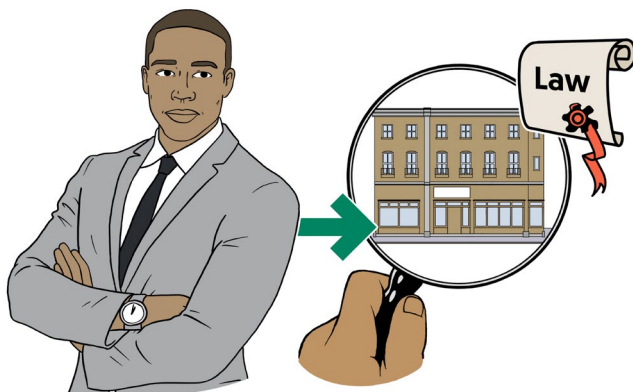
Safety equipment can be things like hand sanitiser, face masks, and gloves.



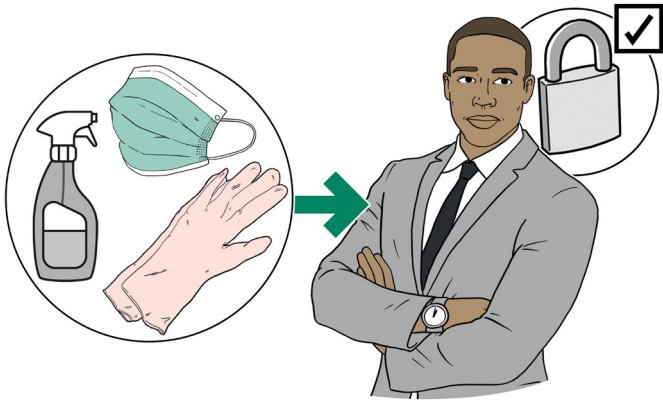
People who own businesses must investigate if the business is safe for the people who work there.



They should make health and safety rules to help keep their employees safe.



Labour inspections should keep happening in the pandemic. This is when someone comes to check a business is following the law.

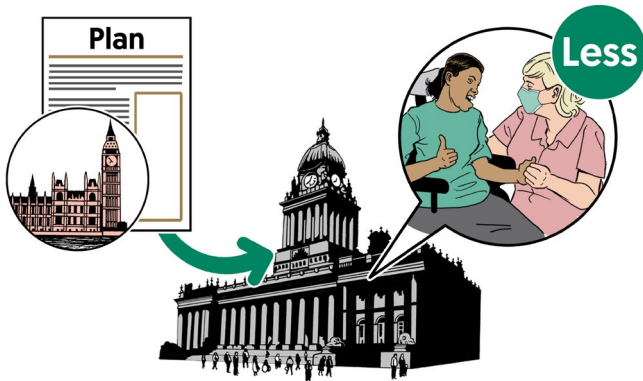


People who do labour inspections should be given safety equipment so that they can do their job safely.

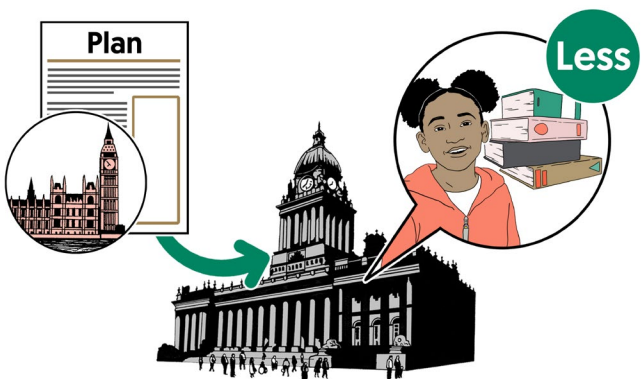
Disabled and older people's rights



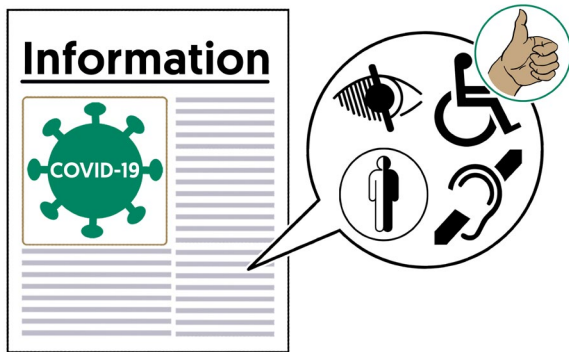
This is what the Protect Everyone Bill says about disabled people and older people's rights.



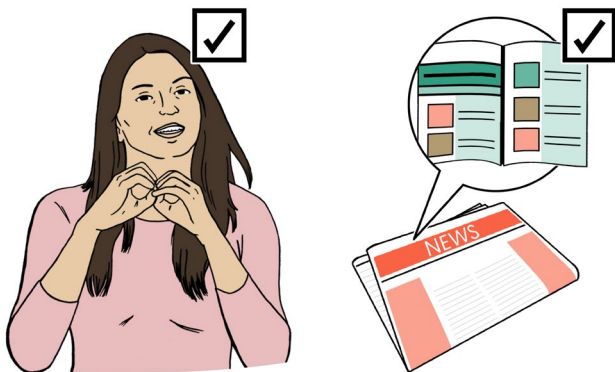
The government has let local councils reduce the amount of social care for adults. Our plan will stop this.



The government has let local councils reduce educational support for children and young people. Our plan will stop this.



Public information about the coronavirus must be made accessible to disabled people.

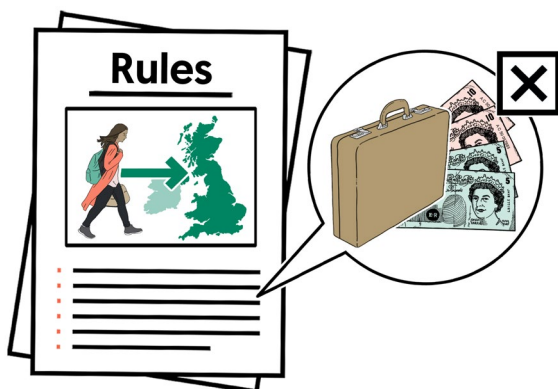


This means having sign language interpreters and having news made into easy read.

Migrants' rights



This is what the Protect Everyone Bill says about **migrants'** rights. **Migrants** are people who have come from a different country to live here.



We want to stop policies that have stopped migrants from renting, working, and accessing services.



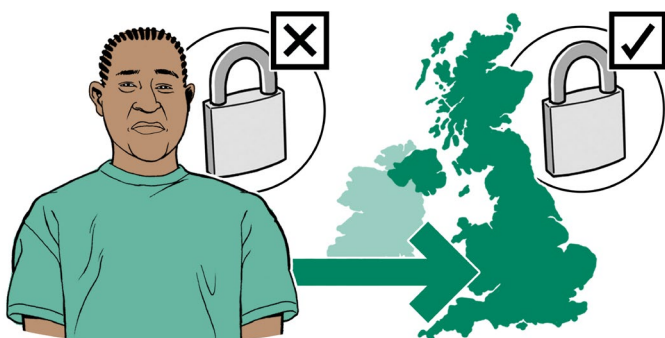
We want to stop the NHS charging migrants for services that other people do not have to pay for.



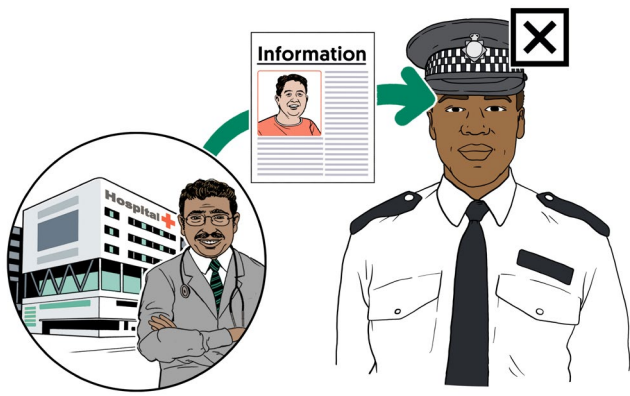
We want local councils to allow migrants to have access to public funds, like benefit payments.



Asylum seekers will be given a safe place to live. They will not have to go to face to face meetings.



Asylum seekers are people that left their country because it is not safe for them there.



Public authorities, the NHS, the police, and the immigration office will not be allowed to share data on migrants.

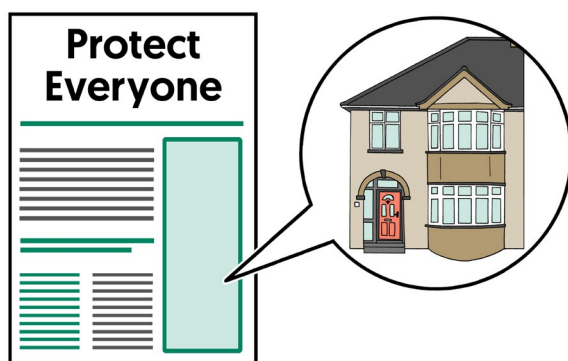


People who are in detention centres or prisons because of being a migrant, will be released.

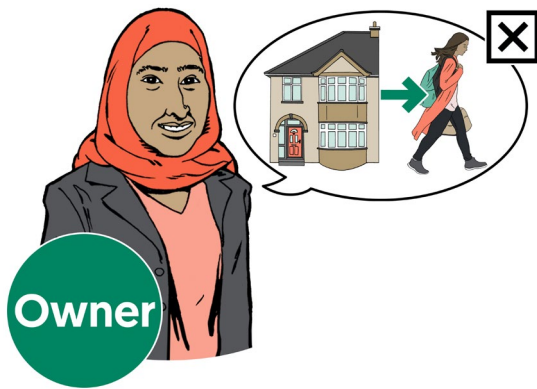


The government should not deport anyone while the pandemic is happening.

Housing



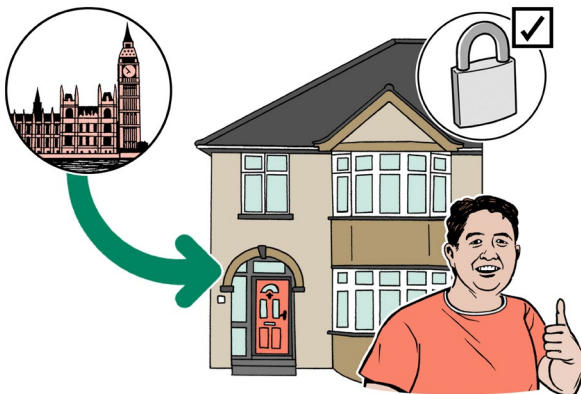
This is what the Protect Everyone Bill says about housing.



Landlords are not allowed to **evict** people while the pandemic is happening. Being **evicted** means you are told you can not live at your rented home anymore.

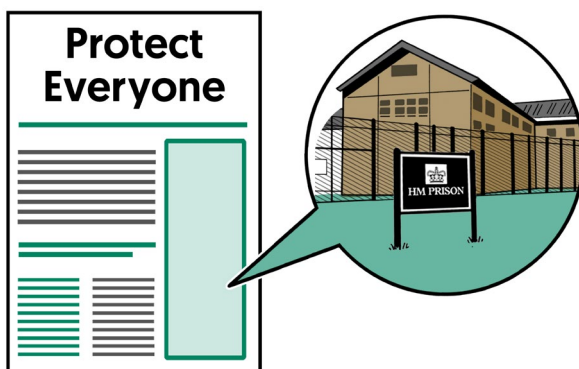


Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities also can not be evicted while the pandemic is happening.



The government will give a safe place to live for anyone who needs it.

Prisons



This is what the Protect Everyone Bill says about prison.



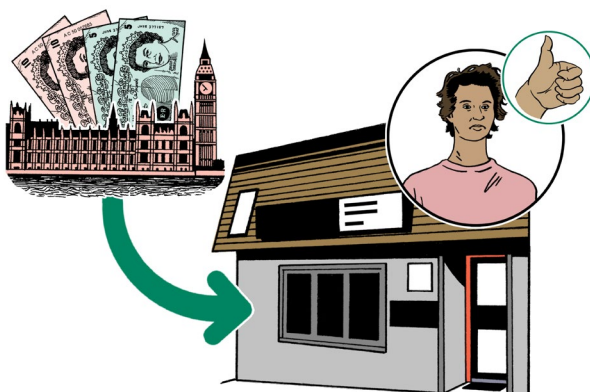
The government must lower the number of people in prison and young offender institutions.



The government should release vulnerable prisoners who are not a danger to other people.

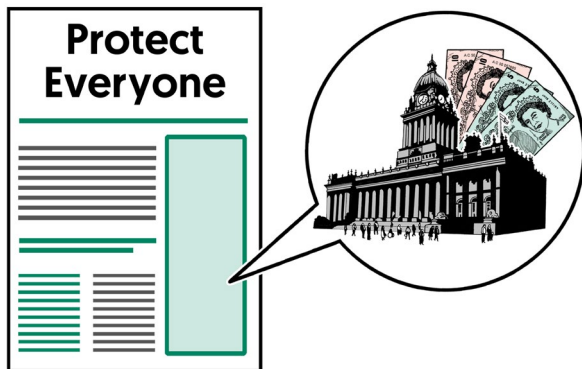


The government must make sure that prisoners who are released have a way to pay the cost of living.

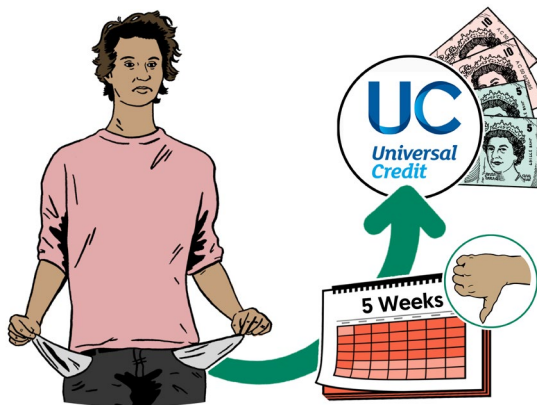


The government should give more money to organisations that support these people.

Social welfare



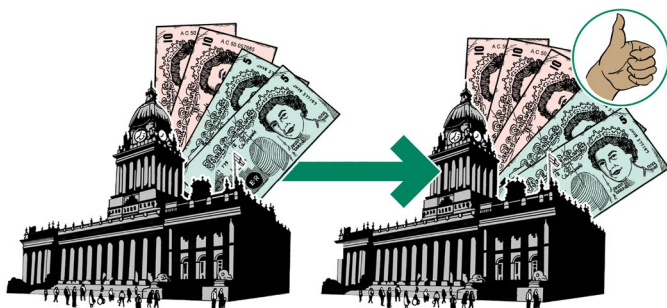
This is what the Protect Everyone Bill says about **social welfare**. **Social welfare** are services that help people pay the cost of living.



We want to end the five week waiting time before you get your first universal credit payment.

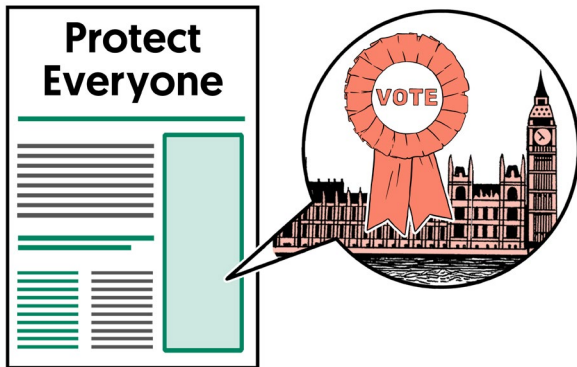


We want people to be able to access support when they need it.

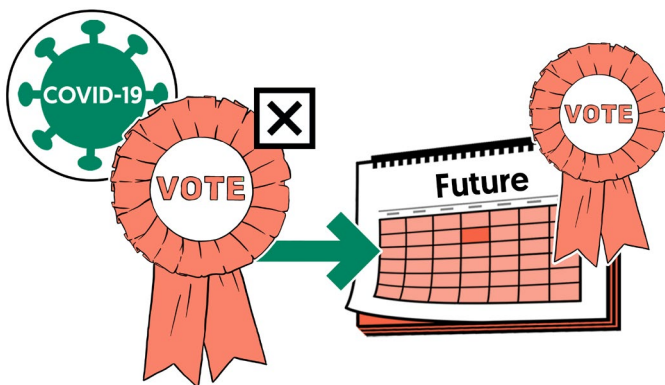


We want to make benefit payments bigger to help people pay the cost of living.

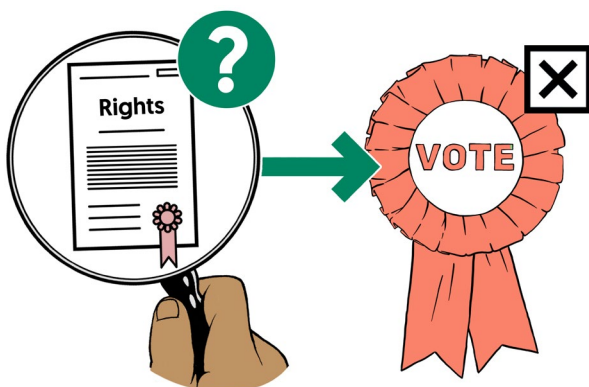
Elections



This is what the Protect Everyone Bill says about **elections**. **Elections** are when we vote for people to be part of the government.



Some elections did not happen because of the coronavirus. The government plans to have the elections at another date in the future.



Our plan means that before an election is stopped we must investigate how it will affect human rights.

Thank you



We hope you enjoyed this booklet.

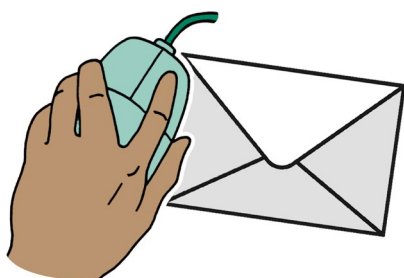


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