

Children locked up for years in hospital

◆ Children as young as 11 are being locked in isolation for years by NHS hospitals supposed to care for those with autism and learning disabilities.

Matt Hancock, the Health Secretary, ordered a review last night after the Care Quality Commission (CQC) found vulnerable people being left in

segregation for up to a decade. Eight children below the age of 15 were subjected to the measures.

Mr Hancock said he had accepted the recommendations of the watchdog in full, ordering that each case now be examined in detail, and he hoped it would be a "turning point".

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