

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS







the 1990s, the number of people with a mental health problem has increased in the UK (Mental Health Act 1983, 1990).

There is a growing awareness of the need to improve the lives of people with mental health problems. The Department of Health (1999) has set out a vision of a new mental health system, which will be based on the following principles: (1) people with mental health problems should be treated as individuals; (2) people with mental health problems should be given the opportunity to participate in decisions about their care; (3) people with mental health problems should be given the opportunity to live in their own homes; (4) people with mental health problems should be given the opportunity to work and to contribute to society; (5) people with mental health problems should be given the opportunity to live a full and active life.

The Department of Health (1999) has also set out a number of key objectives for the new mental health system:

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- to reduce the need for hospital care;
- to improve the effectiveness of mental health services;
- to improve the way in which mental health services are funded.

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The Department of Health (1999) has also set out a number of key actions for the new mental health system:

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