

**Question for written answer E-003359/2015  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Care for the mentally ill in La Mancha

Care for the mentally ill in the administrative district of La Mancha (Ciudad Real, Spain) is seriously lacking, a problem linked to negligence by the autonomous regional government of Castile-La Mancha.

Medium-stay hospital units (for admissions of between three and six months) are a very important part of the care system for mentally ill patients. However Mancha Centro Hospital does not have any such unit. As a result, patients have to go to a unit at Ciudad Real Hospital, some 90 km from where they live, leading to a breakdown in the medical and social support system for their care and facilities at Ciudad Real Hospital being overstretched.

The area also lacks a long-stay residential facility, despite buildings for this purpose having been 80 % completed three years ago, and only has one supervised flat for the mentally ill although the area needs at least three flats like these.

In the Commission's opinion, does this situation constitute an infringement by the authorities of this autonomous community of the clause concerning respect for social security benefits and social services (Article 34 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights)?