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Student Mental Health: Limits and Boundaries?

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Warnings of mental health crisis among 'Covid generation' of students

- 57% of students have accessed university mental health services
- 47% say mental health problems have negatively impacted their university experience
- A third didn't know where to go for help
- Only 4% of staff felt they had received adequate training

Duty of Care?

- Natasha Abraham case, 2022 – ruled that higher education institutions do not have a specific and defined duty of care
- OfS and QAA expectations
- Where to draw the line?
- When to refer?

Equality Act 2010

- “Protected characteristics”
- “Reasonable adjustments”
- “Competence standards”?
- Treatment of students by staff?