



CVS Rochdale **Policy Briefing** **Update**

Equality Bill Update

The Commission yesterday welcomed the passing of the Equality Bill, which received Royal Assent. It contains a series of measures for tackling inequalities which the Commission considers will help Britain become a fairer society.

Some of the specific measures in the bill, which the Commission has supported, include:

- Making the law easier to understand and implement by simplifying 116 pieces of equality legislation into a single Act for individuals, public authorities and private organisations.
- Giving people the right not to be treated less favourably by public authorities because of their age, religion or belief, sexual orientation, or transgender status; as well as their disability, gender, or race which were already covered.
- Extending anti-age discrimination rules to include goods, facilities and services, thereby stopping people being unfairly refused insurance or medical treatments based on what age they are, for example.

