

Chief Psychiatrist

ADVISORY NOTE

Psychiatric Treatment Order – Change in Location from Community to Inpatient Treatment

PURPOSE	Where a person, subject to a PTO being treated in the community subsequently requires inpatient treatment, the person can be admitted and continue to receive the treatment under the existing PTO.
SCOPE	Doctors, Mental Health Officers, Mental Health Clinicians.
DEFINITIONS	<p>Delegate to the chief psychiatrist is a psychiatrist who has delegated powers as a Chief Psychiatrist under the Act.</p> <p>Approved mental health facility is a place approved by the Minister for Mental Health under s. 261 of the Act.</p>
ADVICE	<p>Under s. 62 (3) of the Act, if the delegate of the Chief Psychiatrist forms a belief on reasonable grounds that a person subject to a PTO who is living in the community requires admission to an approved mental health facility, the delegate, may determine in writing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The approved mental health facility that the person is to be admitted to, and b) The nature of the psychiatric treatment to given to the person, and c) Whether the person can be given leave from the facility. <p>If a person under a PTO requires admission to an approved mental health facility after hours or in situations where a delegate to the chief psychiatrist is not on site at the approved mental health facility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The on-call consultant psychiatrist must be contacted to approve the admission verbally, and • The on-call consultant must make the determination in writing as soon as possible following the approval for admission by updating the <i>Treatment Plan and Location Determination</i> form.
IMPLEMENTATION	<p>This Advisory will be part of orientation for all staff involved in the treatment of person on a PTO who requires admission to an approved mental health facility.</p> <p>Services may develop their own policies and procedures to implement this advice.</p>

RELEVANT LEGISLATION	<u>Mental Health Act 2015</u> <u>Mental Health (Secure Facilities) Act 2016</u>
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