

Implementation of The Mental Health Act Amendments 2007

The changes to the Mental Health Act 1983 include:

Definition of Mental Disorder: a single definition of mental disorder

Criteria for Detention: a new "appropriate medical treatment" test in place of the so-called "treatability test"

Professional Roles: broadening the group of practitioners who can undertake functions previously performed by the Approved Social Worker and Responsible Medical Officer

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Nearest Relative (NR): giving patients the right to make an application to displace their NR and enabling County Courts to displace a NR

Supervised Community Treatment (SCT): introducing SCT for patients following a period of detention in hospital

Mental Health Review Tribunal (MHRT): reducing the time before a case has to be referred to the MHRT and introducing a single Tribunal for England

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Age Appropriate Services: ensuring patients aged under 18 who are admitted to hospital for a mental disorder are accommodated in an environment suitable for their age (subject to their needs)

Advocacy: introducing independent mental health advocacy for patients who are subject to the Mental Health Act

Electro-convulsive Therapy: introducing new safeguards for patients