

CHIEF FORENSIC PSYCHIATRIST APPROVED FORM I 6



SMHU SEARCH AUTHORISATION/ DIRECTION

Mental Health Act 2013
Section III

THCI: (Patient Id): _____

Family Name: _____ Given Name: _____

DOB: ____/____/____ Gender: M F TG/IT

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Mob: _____

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PART A: AUTHORISATION / DIRECTION TO CONDUCT SEARCH

CHIEF FORENSIC PSYCHIATRIST (CFP), CONTROLLING AUTHORITY OR DELEGATE TO COMPLETE

The Chief Forensic Psychiatrist (or delegate) or controlling authority of the secure mental health unit (or delegate) may, in relation to a secure mental health unit, authorise or direct an authorised person to carry out searches for the management, good order or security of the secure mental health unit, or for the safety of any persons in the secure mental health unit.

The authorisation or direction constitutes full and sufficient authority for the authorised person to carry out the search without further formality.

If the authorisation or direction is given orally, it must be confirmed in writing in a Chief Forensic Psychiatrist approved form.

An authorisation or direction can only apply to a privileged visitor if it is in writing.

Name of person authorising or directing search:

I hereby authorise/direct *(delete unnecessary text)* a search for

The management, good order or security of the secure mental health unit

OR

The safety of any persons in the secure mental health unit

Name of person OR description of area authorised/directed to be searched:

Name of authorised person(s) directed to conduct search:

Nature of search authorised:

When search may be conducted (times and/or circumstances in which search may be conducted):

Protocols to be adopted/applied in the performance of the search:

Search equipment or techniques which may be used:

Date and time search authorised/directed: Date: ____/____/____

Time: ____:____ (24 hr)

Is the person authorising/directing the search completing this form?

Yes – CFP/controlling authority or delegate to sign here: _____

No – members of nursing and/or medical staff to complete:

We confirm that the CFP/controlling authority or delegate named above has authorised or directed a search as outlined above, for the reasons given above:

Dr/Nurse Name/Payroll/ID Number 1: _____ Signature: _____

Dr/Nurse Name/Payroll/ID Number 2: _____ Signature: _____



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PART B : RECORD OF SEARCH - PERSONAL

AUTHORISED PERSON TO COMPLETE

The controlling authority of an SMHU is to keep appropriate records in respect to each forensic patient in the SMHU.

A search of a person, or of anything in or under a person's possession or control, may be conducted without the person's consent.

A search may be of:

- any part of the SMHU
- anything in the SMHU
- anything being delivered to or removed from the SMHU or any vehicle, conduit or other thing being used in connection with that deliver or removal
- any forensic patient, visitor, staff member or other person in the SMHU
- clothing, personal belongings, physical aids, containers or any other thing in or under the possession or control of a forensic patient, visitor, staff member or other person in the SMHU
- information held on a computer, mobile phone or other device

If a person other than a forensic patient or SMHU staff member refuses to submit to or hinders a search, an authorised person may direct the person to leave the SMHU forthwith or by a specified time.

Where consent is refused:

- (a) an authorised person may detain the person for such time as is necessary for the person to be arrested by a police officer under paragraph (b); and
- (b) a police officer may arrest the person without warrant.

Unless the CFP directs otherwise in a particular case, a search that involves any touching or undressing of a person, or any touching of a person's clothing or personal belongings, must be carried out (a) by an authorised person of the same gender as that person and only in the presence of persons of that gender; and (b) in privacy.

In this section search means a search carried out by manual, animal detection, electronic or mechanical means, or by any combination of those means; SMHU includes its immediate precincts.

Name of person searched: _____

Status of person searched: _____

Name of person who conducted search _____

Name of person(s) assisting with search: _____

Did the person consent to the search? Yes No

If the search involved touching/undressing – was the search conducted by person of same sex and in private?

Yes OR No

Reasons: _____

Details of any force used including why force was used:

Search findings:

Other comments:

Date and time search conducted: Date: ____ / ____ / ____ Time: ____:____ (24 hr)

I hereby confirm that this is a true and accurate record.

Signature: _____



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PART C : RECORD OF SEARCH – LOCATION

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Where consent is refused:

- (c) an authorised person may detain the person for such time as is necessary for the person to be arrested by a police officer under paragraph (b); and
- (d) a police officer may arrest the person without warrant.

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- (a) by an authorised person of the same gender as that person and only in the presence of persons of that gender; and
- (b) in privacy.

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Description of area or thing searched: _____

Search findings:

Other comments:

Date and time search conducted: Date: / /

Time: _____ : _____ (24 hr)

I hereby confirm that this is a true and accurate record.

Signature: _____



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PART D : RECORD OF ITEMS SEIZED

AUTHORISED PERSON TO COMPLETE

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