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of Health

Code of Practice: Mental Health Act 1983



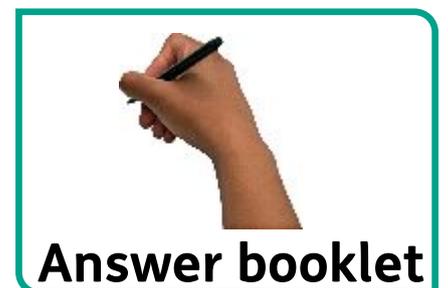
What do you think about our ideas
for a Stronger Code and Better Care?



Please tell us what you think before
the **12th September 2014**.



Easy Read version of:
Stronger Code: Better Care



Answer booklet



The questions

This booklet is part of a **consultation** about the **Code of Practice** which says how to use this law.



Please use the boxes in this booklet to tell us what you think.



How to tell us what you think

The consultation begins on 7th July 2014 and ends on 12th September 2014.



Please tell us what you think before the 12th September 2014.



In this booklet there are some questions.



You can answer any of these questions or just tell us about other ideas you have.



Other ways to tell us what you think about changes to the Code

Go to: <http://consultations.dh.gov.uk/>



Or post it to:

**Consultations Coordinator
MHA Code Review Consultation
Department of Health
313A Richmond House
79 Whitehall
London
SW1A 2NS**



Twitter: **@MHCodeDH**



You can also call:

0207 210 5420

Between 10am and 4pm,
Monday through Friday



We will also hold some events when people will be able to come and tell us what they think.



To find out about these events or give us your answers or ideas, please:



Email:
mentalhealthcode@dh.gsi.gov.uk



If you would like to book a place to come to one of these events, please go to this website:

www.tinyurl.com/BookDHEvents



If you want to say something about the way we are asking what people think:



Email:
Consultations.co-ordinator@dh.gsi.gov.uk



Write to:
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Keeping your personal information safe

If you do not want us to use your name in our report, please tell us when you write to us.



Question ER1.

What else could the Code say to make sure people are listened to and involved in their own care?

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Question ER2.

Should the Code say anything else about Independent Mental Health Advocates?

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Question ER3.

What should the Code say about things like the internet, emails and other electronic ways to talk to family and friends?

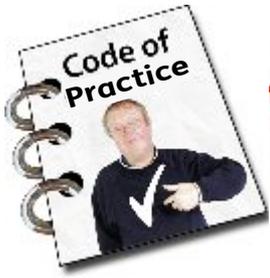
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Question ER4.

How can the Code be really clear about your right to have visitors and see your family and friends?

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Question ER5.

Should the Code say anything else about not having the same rules for everyone?

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Question ER6.

What should the Code say about the rights of families and carers?

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Question ER7.

What else should the Code say about treating people close to home?



Question ER8.

Will our ideas about where the police can take people with mental health problems, and how they can do this, make things better? Do we need any other changes to the Code?



Question ER9.

How can we explain the things that parents can decide for their children?

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Question ER10.

How can we explain what happens if a young person cannot make decisions for themselves including agreeing to treatment?

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Question ER11.

How can the Code make sure people use safe **restraint** (this means holding people in some way) and only use it when they really need to?



Question ER12.

What should the Code say about **seclusion** (this means keeping patients on their own to keep other people safe)?



Question ER13.

How can the Code make sure patients get the right care and treatment in the community to help them get better and stay well?

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Question ER14.

Do we need to change the rules about 2 doctors deciding someone needs to go into hospital under the Mental Health Act? If 1 doctor works at the hospital, should the other doctor be from a different hospital?

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Question ER15.

How can we make it easier for patients to understand decisions about treatment under the Mental Health Act? For example, whether you can leave hospital or not.



Question ER16.

Do you think the changes to the Code will stop patients being bullied and treated badly like they were at Winterbourne View? Should the Code say anything else to stop this?



Question ER17.

Some people with learning disabilities have to have treatment in hospital under the Mental Health Act.



Other laws say they must be treated fairly and equally and what must happen if they cannot make their own decisions about treatment.



How can the Code make care better for people with learning disabilities who have to be treated in hospital?



Question ER18.

How can we make it easier for people to use the Code and understand the information in it?

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Question ER19.

What can we do to support victims better? This is when people with mental health problems have broken the law and people have suffered as a result.

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Question ER20.

Is there anything else that you think the Code should talk about?



If you are happy for us to get in touch with you about your answers, please tell us your:

Name



Telephone number



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