



Mental Health Act 1983

1983 CHAPTER 20

PART III

PATIENTS CONCERNED IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS OR UNDER SENTENCE

Transfer to hospital of prisoners, etc.

48 Removal to hospital of other prisoners.

(1) If in the case of a person to whom this section applies the Secretary of State is satisfied by the same reports as are required for the purposes of section 47 above that

- [^{F1}(a) that person is suffering from mental disorder of a nature or degree which makes it appropriate for him to be detained in a hospital for medical treatment; and
- (b) he is in urgent need of such treatment;][^{F2}and
- (c) appropriate medical treatment is available for him;]

the Secretary of State shall have the same power of giving a transfer direction in respect of him under that section as if he were serving a sentence of imprisonment.

(2) This section applies to the following persons, that is to say—

- (a) persons detained in a prison or remand centre, not being persons serving a sentence of imprisonment or persons falling within the following paragraphs of this subsection;
- (b) persons remanded in custody by a magistrates' court;
- (c) civil prisoners, that is to say, persons committed by a court to prison for a limited term ^{F3}..., who are not persons falling to be dealt with under section 47 above;
- (d) persons detained under the ^{M1}Immigration Act 1971 [^{F4}or under section 62 of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (detention by Secretary of State)].

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- (3) Subsections (2) [^{F5}and (3)] of section 47 above shall apply for the purposes of this section and of any transfer direction given by virtue of this section as they apply for the purposes of that section and of any transfer direction under that section.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 48(1)(a)(b) substituted (3.11.2008) for words in s. 48(1) by [Mental Health Act 2007 \(c. 12\)](#), ss. 1, 56, [Sch. 1 para. 11\(a\)](#) (with [Sch. 10](#)); [S.I. 2008/1900](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#), (with art. 3, Sch.)
- F2** S. 48(1)(c) and preceding word inserted (3.11.2008) by [Mental Health Act 2007 \(c. 12\)](#), ss. 5(3), 56 (with [Sch. 10](#)); [S.I. 2008/1900](#), [art. 2\(b\)](#) (with art. 3, Sch.)
- F3** Words in s. 48(2)(c) repealed (22.7.2004) by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 2004 \(c. 14\)](#), ss. 1(1), {[Sch. 1 Pt. 17 Group 8](#)}
- F4** Words in s. 48(2)(d) added (10.2.2003) by [2002 c. 41](#), ss. 62(10)(a), 162 (with s. 159); [S.I. 2003/1](#), [art. 2](#), Sch.
- F5** Words in s. 48(3) substituted (3.11.2008) by [Mental Health Act 2007 \(c. 12\)](#), ss. 1, 56, [Sch. 1 para. 11\(b\)](#) (with [Sch. 10](#)); [S.I. 2008/1900](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#), (with art. 3, Sch.)

Marginal Citations

- M1** 1971 c. 77.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 48(1) modified (temp.) by [2020 c. 7 Sch. 8 para. 7](#)
- s. 48(2)(a) words repealed by [2000 c. 43 Sch. 7 para. 73](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act applied by [1996 c. 46 Sch. 2 para. 9](#)(replacing 1968 c 20 s. 23) (Act applied (prosp.) by 1968 c. 20, s. 23(4) (as substituted (prosp.) by 1996 c. 46, ss. 8, 36(2), Sch. 2, para. 9 which said amending provision was repealed (31.3.2005) by Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 (c. 28), ss. 58(2), 60, Sch. 11; S.I. 2005/579, art. 3(h)(i)(ix)))
- Act applied by [1996 c. 46 Sch. 2 para. 4](#)(replacing 1957 c 53 s. 63) (Act applied (prosp.) by 1957 c. 53, s. 63C(6) (as substituted (prosp.) by 1996 c. 46, ss. 8, 36(2), Sch. 2, para. 4 which said amending provision was repealed (31.3.2005) by Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 (c. 28), ss. 58(2), 60, Sch. 11; S.I. 2005/579, art. 3(h)(i)(ix)))
- Act applied by [1996 c. 46 Sch. 2 para. 1](#)(replacing 1955 c 19 s. 116) (Act applied (prosp.) by 1955 c. 19, s. 116C(6) (as substituted (prosp.) by 1996 c. 46, ss. 8, 36(2), Sch. 2 para. 1 which said amending provision was repealed (31.3.2005) by Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 (c. 28), ss. 58(2), 60, Sch. 11; S.I. 2005/579, art. 3(h)(i)(ix)))
- Act applied by [1996 c. 46 Sch. 2 para. 1](#)(replacing 1955 c 18 s 116) (Act applied (prosp.) by 1955 c. 18, s. 116C(6) (as substituted (prosp.) by 1996 c. 46, ss. 8, 36(2), Sch. 2 para. 1 which said amending provision was repealed (31.3.2005) by Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 (c. 28), ss. 58(2), 60, Sch. 11; S.I. 2005/579, art. 3(h)(i)(ix)))
- Act power to applied by [1996 c. 46 Sch. 2 para. 4](#)(replacing 1957 c 53 s. 63) (Act: Power to apply conferred (prosp.) by 1957 c. 53, s. 63B(4)(c) (as substituted (prosp.) by 1996 c. 46, ss. 8, 36(2), Sch. 2, para. 4 which said amending provision was repealed (31.3.2005) by Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 (c. 28), ss. 58(2), 60, Sch. 11; S.I. 2005/579, art. 3(h)(i)(ix)))
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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 74(8) inserted by [2015 c. 2 Sch. 3 para. 3\(3\)](#)