



Mental Health Act 1983

1983 CHAPTER 20

PART X

MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY

Miscellaneous provisions

^[F1] 130A **Independent mental health advocates^[F2]: England**

- (1) ^[F3]A local social services authority whose area is in England] shall make such arrangements as it considers reasonable to enable persons (“independent mental health advocates”) to be available to help qualifying patients ^[F4]for whom the authority is responsible for the purposes of this section].
- (2) The ^[F5]Secretary of State] may by regulations make provision as to the appointment of persons as independent mental health advocates.
- (3) The regulations may, in particular, provide—
 - (a) that a person may act as an independent mental health advocate only in such circumstances, or only subject to such conditions, as may be specified in the regulations;
 - (b) for the appointment of a person as an independent mental health advocate to be subject to approval in accordance with the regulations.
- (4) In making arrangements under this section, ^[F6]a local social services authority] shall have regard to the principle that any help available to a patient under the arrangements should, so far as practicable, be provided by a person who is independent of any person who is professionally concerned with the patient's medical treatment.
- (5) For the purposes of subsection (4) above, a person is not to be regarded as professionally concerned with a patient's medical treatment merely because he is representing him in accordance with arrangements—
 - (a) under section 35 of the Mental Capacity Act 2005; or
 - (b) of a description specified in regulations under this section.

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- (6) Arrangements under this section may include provision for payments to be made to, or in relation to, persons carrying out functions in accordance with the arrangements.
- (7) Regulations under this section—
- (a) may make different provision for different cases;
 - (b) may make provision which applies subject to specified exceptions;
 - (c) may include transitional, consequential, incidental or supplemental provision.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 130A-130D inserted (1.4.2008 for ss. 130A, 130C for certain purposes, otherwise 3.11.2008 for W. and 1.4.2009 for E.) by [Mental Health Act 2007 \(c. 12\)](#), **ss. 30(2)**, 56 (with [Sch. 10](#)); [S.I. 2008/745](#), **arts. 2(b)(i), 3(d)**; [S.I. 2008/2561](#), **art. 2(c)** (with [art. 3](#), [Sch.](#)); [S.I. 2009/139](#), **art. 2(a)**
- F2** Word in s. 130A title inserted (3.1.2012 for specified purposes, 2.4.2012 in so far as not already in force) by [Mental Health \(Wales\) Measure 2010 \(nawm 7\)](#), s. 55(3), **Sch. 1 para. 2**; [S.I. 2011/3046](#), **arts. 2(k), 3(j)** (with [art. 5](#))
- F3** Words in s. 130A(1) substituted (1.4.2013) by [Health and Social Care Act 2012 \(c. 7\)](#), **ss. 43(1)(a)**, 306(4); [S.I. 2013/160](#), **art. 2(2)** (with [arts. 7-9](#))
- F4** Words in s. 130A(1) inserted (1.4.2013) by [Health and Social Care Act 2012 \(c. 7\)](#), **ss. 43(1)(b)**, 306(4); [S.I. 2013/160](#), **art. 2(2)** (with [arts. 7-9](#))
- F5** Words in s. 130A(2) substituted (3.1.2012 for specified purposes, 2.4.2012 in so far as not already in force) by [Mental Health \(Wales\) Measure 2010 \(nawm 7\)](#), s. 55(3), **Sch. 1 para. 3**; [S.I. 2011/3046](#), **arts. 2(k), 3(j)** (with [art. 5](#))
- F6** Words in s. 130A(4) substituted (1.4.2013) by [Health and Social Care Act 2012 \(c. 7\)](#), **ss. 43(2)**, 306(4); [S.I. 2013/160](#), **art. 2(2)** (with [arts. 7-9](#))

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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\(h\)\(i\)\(ix\)](#))
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- 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\(3\)](#)