



# Mental Health Act 2007

## 2007 CHAPTER 12

### PART 1

#### AMENDMENTS TO MENTAL HEALTH ACT 1983

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#### CHANGES TO KEY PROVISIONS

#### *Mental disorder*

### **1 Removal of categories of mental disorder**

- (1) Section 1(2) of the 1983 Act (key definitions) is amended as set out in subsections (2) and (3).
- (2) For the definitions of “mental disorder” and “mentally disordered” substitute—

““mental disorder” means any disorder or disability of the mind; and  
“mentally disordered” shall be construed accordingly;”.
- (3) The following definitions are omitted—
  - (a) those of “severe mental impairment” and “severely mentally impaired”,
  - (b) those of “mental impairment” and “mentally impaired”, and
  - (c) that of “psychopathic disorder”.
- (4) Schedule 1 (which contains further amendments to the 1983 Act and amendments to other Acts) has effect.

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for the Mental Health Act 2007, Section 1. (See end of Document for details)*

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#### **Commencement Information**

- II** S. 1 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 56(1); s. 1(4) in force for specified purposes at 3.11.2008 by S.I. 2008/1210, arts. 1(1)(b), **2(a)** (with arts. 4, 5); s. 1 in force insofar as not already in force at 3.11.2008 by S.I. 2008/1900, arts. 1(1), **2(a)** (with art. 3, Sch.)

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