



# Mental Health Act 1983

## CHAPTER 20

### MENTAL HEALTH ACT 1983

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- 4 In section 18 subsection (5) shall be omitted.
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- 4 In section 18 there shall be omitted—
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- 4 Subject to rules made by the Lord Chancellor under section...
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- 5 In the Law of Property Act 1925—
- 6 In section 111 of the Land Registration Act 1925—
- 7 In paragraph (ii) of the proviso to section 41(1) of...
- 8 In sections 4(1) and 11(3)(b) of the Polish Resettlement Act...
- 9 In section 1(4) of the U.S.A. Veterans' Pensions (Administration) Act...
- 10 In section 116(7) of the Army Act 1955 for the...
- 11 In section 116(7) of the Air Force Act 1955 for...
- 12 .....
- 13 In section 71(6) of the Naval Discipline Act 1957 for...
- 14 In section 1 of the Variation of Trusts Act 1958—...
- 15 In section 128(1)(b) of the Mental Health Act 1959 for...
- 16 .....
- 17 In section 5 of the Administration of Justice Act 1960—...
- 18 In the Criminal Procedure (Insanity) Act 1964—
- 19 In section 18 of the Administration of Justice Act 1965...
- 20 In paragraph 1(2)(b) of Schedule 1 to the Compulsory Purchase...
- 21 In the Criminal Justice Act 1967— (a) in section 72(1)(b)...
- 22 In section 26(2) of the Leasehold Reform Act 1967 for...
- 23 In the Criminal Appeal Act 1968— (a) . . . . .
- 24 In the Courts-Martial (Appeals) Act 1968— (a) in sections 20(4)...
- 25 In section 21(4) of the Family Law Reform Act 1969...
- 26 In the Children and Young Persons Act 1969—
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- 28 In section 57(1) of the Courts Act 1971 for the...
- 29 .....
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- 31 .....
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- 33 In the Costs in Criminal Cases Act 1973—
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- 35 .....
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- 38 In the Solicitors Act 1974— (a) in section 12(1)(j) for...
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- 40 .....
- 41 In the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975—
- 42 In Part II of Schedule 1 to the House of...
- 43 .....
- 44 .....
- 45 In section 32(6)(c) of the Adoption Act 1976 for the...
- 46 In section 3(6B) of the Bail Act 1976 for the...
- 47 In the National Health Service Act 1977—
- 48 In section 16A(1)(b)(ii) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act...
- 49 .....

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- 51 .....
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- 53 In paragraph 2(a) of Schedule 2 to the Reserve Forces...
- 54 In section 31(2)(c) of the Transport Act 1980 for the...
- 55 In section 38 of the Limitation Act 1980—
- 56 In section 57(2)(c) of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981...
- 57 In the Contempt of Court Act 1981—
- 58 In the Supreme Court Act 1981— (a) in section 48(6)(a)...
- 59 In section 13(9) of the Armed Forces Act 1981 or...
- 60 In paragraph 9 of Schedule 1 to the British Nationality...
- 61 In the Mental Health (Amendment) Act 1982—

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- 3 Where, apart from this paragraph, anything done under or for...
- 4 (1) Until the expiration of the period of two years...
- 5 If no order has been made under section 11 of...
- 6 This Act shall apply in relation to any authority for...
- 7 This Act shall apply to any application made before 30th...
- 8 (1) Where on 30th September 1983 a person who has...
- 9 (1) Section 20(1) of this Act shall have effect in...
- 10 Section 23(2)(a) of this Act shall have effect in relation...
- 11 Where at any time before 30th September 1983 an application...
- 12 A person— (a) who was admitted to hospital in pursuance...
- 13 Subsection (1) of section 68 of this Act does not...
- 14 Section 69(1)(b) of this Act shall have effect in relation...
- 15 The provisions of this Act which derive from sections 24...
- 16 The words in section 42(1) of this Act which derive...
- 17 Section 91(2) of this Act shall not apply in relation...
- 18 (1) Subsection (3) of section 58 of this Act shall...
- 19 In the case of a patient who is detained at...
- 20 The repeal by the Mental Health (Amendment) Act 1982 of...
- 21 Section 46(3) of this Act shall apply to any direction...
- 22 Notwithstanding the repeal by this Act of section 53(5) of...
- 23 For any reference in any enactment, instrument, deed or other...
- 24 Nothing in this Act shall affect the operation of the...
- 25 Nothing in this Act shall affect the operation of subsection...
- 26 If the person who is the Master of the Court...
- 27 Nothing in this Act shall affect the operation of section...
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- 30 The repeal by the Mental Health Act 1959 of the...
- 31 (1) Any patient who immediately before the commencement of this...
- 32 Any patient who immediately before the commencement of this Act...
- 33 (1) This paragraph applies to patients who at the commencement...
- 34 (1) Any patient who is liable to be detained in...
- 35 (1) The responsible medical officer may record for the purposes...
- 36 Any person who immediately before the commencement of this Act...
- 37 (1) This paragraph applies to patients who immediately before the...
- 38 Any patient who immediately before the commencement of this Act...

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- 39 Upon a restriction direction in respect of a patient who...
- 40 A person who immediately before the commencement of this Act...
- 41 Any opinion recorded by the responsible medical officer under the...
- 42 (1) In the foregoing provisions of this Schedule—
- 43 (1) Any order or appointment made, direction or authority given,...
- 44 Where a person who immediately before 1st November 1960 was...
- 45 Section 101(1) of this Act shall apply in relation to...
- 46 For the purposes of section 15 of the National Health...

#### SCHEDULE 6 — Repeals

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