



# Mental Health Act 1983

## 1983 CHAPTER 20

### PART VIII

#### MISCELLANEOUS FUNCTIONS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE

##### *After-care*

#### 117 After-care.

- (1) This section applies to persons who are detained under section 3 above, or admitted to a hospital in pursuance of a hospital order made under section 37 above, or transferred to a hospital in pursuance of a transfer direction made under section 47 or 48 above, and then cease to be detained and leave hospital.
- (2) It shall be the duty of the District Health Authority and of the local social services authority to provide, in co-operation with relevant voluntary agencies, after-care services for any person to whom this section applies until such time as the District Health Authority and the local social services authority are satisfied that the person concerned is no longer in need of such services.
- (3) In this section “the District Health Authority” means [<sup>F1</sup>the District Health Authority for the district][<sup>F1</sup>such District Health Authority as may be determined in accordance with regulations made by the Secretary of State], and “the local social services authority” means the local social services authority for the area in which the person concerned is resident or to which he is sent on discharge by the hospital in which he was detained.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words commencing “such District Health Authority” substituted (*prosp.*) for words commencing “the District Health Authority” by [National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 \(c. 19, SIF 113:2\)](#), ss. 66(1), 67(2), [Sch. 9 para. 24\(6\)](#) (which Sch. 9 para. 24(6) was repealed (1.4.1996) by [1995 c. 17, s. 5\(1\), Sch. 3](#))

**Status:**

Point in time view as at 01/02/1991. This version of this provision has been superseded.

**Changes to legislation:**

Mental Health Act 1983, Section 117 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 04 November 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.