



Mental Health Act 1983

1983 CHAPTER 20

PART X

MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY

Miscellaneous provisions

131 Informal admission of patients.

- (1) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as preventing a patient who requires treatment for mental disorder from being admitted to any hospital or mental nursing home in pursuance of arrangements made in that behalf and without any application, order or direction rendering him liable to be detained under this Act, or from remaining in any hospital or mental nursing home in pursuance of such arrangements after he has ceased to be so liable to be detained.
- (2) In the case of a minor who has attained the age of 16 years and is capable of expressing his own wishes, any such arrangements as are mentioned in subsection (1) above may be made, carried out and determined [^{F1}notwithstanding any right of custody or control vested by law in his parent or guardian][^{F1}even though there are one or more persons who have parental responsibility for him (within the meaning of the Children Act 1989)].

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words commencing “even though” substituted (*prosp.*) for words commencing “notwithstanding any” by Children Act 1989 (c. 41, SIF 20), s. 108(5), [Sch. 13 para. 48\(5\)](#)

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Point in time view as at 01/02/1991. This version of this provision has been superseded.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 131 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 24 January 2024. 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.