

DEFINITIONS UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE MENTAL HEALTH ACT 1986

An authorised person is a:

- (a) Registered medical practitioner
- (b) Registered nurse.

A mental health practitioner is a member of the following categories of health professionals employed by a 'public sector mental health service' that is an approved mental health service or a community mental health service and engaged in the provision of acute psychiatric assessment and treatment functions in the community:

- (a) Registered nurses
- (b) Registered psychologists
- (c) Social workers
- (d) Occupational therapists.

A prescribed registered medical practitioner is a registered medical practitioner who is:

- (a) in general practice
- (b) the registered medical practitioner who recommended that the person receive involuntary treatment from an approved mental health service
- (c) the head of the emergency department of a hospital
- (d) employed as a registered medical practitioner in or by a psychiatric service within the meaning of section 106 of the Act
- (e) a psychiatrist
- (f) a forensic physician.

A prescribed person is:

- (a) a member of the police force
- (b) an ambulance officer
- (c) a member of the following categories of health professionals:
 - Registered medical practitioners
 - Registered nurses
 - Registered psychologists
 - Social workers
 - Occupational therapists—
—employed, appointed or engaged to provide care and treatment to persons with a mental disorder in an approved mental health service, a child and adolescent psychiatry service, a premises licensed under section 75 of the Act, a hospital admitting or caring for persons with a mental disorder, a mental health service of a community health centre, a psychiatric outpatient clinic or a community mental health service.

Public sector mental health service has the meaning given in section 120A of the Act.