

MENTAL HEALTH ACT 1983

1. This Act was brought in to try and tackle these legal requirements (noted in the Mental Health Act 1959 Table).
2. It implements controls on treatments for mental disorders, specifically including mood altering drugs, electro convulsion therapy, and surgery, making it clearer what treatment a hospital could give to a detained patient.
3. It also introduced social workers, who were specially trained in mental health care, and also demanded the aftercare (by local health services) of mental health patients who were released from detainment.
4. Mental Health Act 1983 Code of Practice (1983, revised in 1999).
5. Amended many times, notably in:
 - a) 1995;
 - b) 2001 (via remedial order, issued on the grounds of incompatibility with the European Convention of Human Rights under the Human Rights Act 1998 section 4);
 - c) 2007 (Mental Health 2007 Act); and
 - d) 2017 via the Policing and Crime Act 2017.