

MENTAL HEALTH LAW

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Mental Health Law

- Mental health law is made up of the following:
- Statute (laws made by Parliament):
- Mental Health Act 1983
- Mental Capacity Act 2005
- Human Rights Act 1998
- Regulations: Secondary Legislation. They tell us how to enact the statute.
- Case Law: Judges interpret the law and their judgements direct how we enact it.
- Statutory Guidance: Mental Health Act Code of Practice and The Mental Health Act Guide.

Mental Health Act 1983

- **AMHP:** Approved Mental Health Professional.
- **S12 Doctor.**
- **A.C.** Approved Clinician
- **R.C.** Responsible Clinician
- **Nearest Relative (NR).**

Mental Health Act 1983

- **Section 2 - Assessment Order**
- **Section 3 - Treatment Order**
- **Section 4 - Admission for assessment in cases of emergency**

Mental Health Act 1983

- **Section 7 - Guardianship**
- **Section 17 A - Community Treatment Order**
- **Section 135(1) - warrant to search for and remove**
- **Section 136 - “Mentally disordered persons found in a public place”**