

## **OUTLINE OF INSPECTIONS OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES 2011**

The Inspections of Mental Health Services commenced in February 2011. Inspections of approved centres will take into account compliance with:

1. Regulations for Approved Centres [Statutory Instrument: No. 551 Mental Health Act, 2001 (Approved Centres) Regulations 2006].
2. Rules Governing the Use of ECT, Seclusion and Mechanical Means of Bodily Restraint.
3. Codes of Practice under the Mental Health Act, 2001 relating to:
  - Admission of Children
  - Use of Physical Restraint in Approved Centres
  - Use of Electro-Convulsive Therapy for Voluntary Patients
  - Notification of Deaths and Incidents Reporting
  - Admission, Transfer and Discharge to and from an Approved Centre
  - Guidance for Persons working in Mental Health Services with People with Intellectual Disabilities.
4. Sections 60 and 61 Mental Health Act, 2001.
5. Recommendations from 2010 Inspectors Report.
6. Approved Centre Self Assessment information.

The Inspectorate are keen to highlight improvements and initiatives since 2010 and track progress on the implementation of recommendations made in 2010. Information will be gathered via self assessments and also from service user and staff interviews, photographic and photocopied evidence collected on the day of the inspection. For 2011 the Inspectorate will pay particular attention to Articles 15 to 22 and 26 of the Regulations [Statutory Instrument: No. 551 Mental Health Act, 2001 (Approved Centres) Regulations 2006] and all areas of non-compliance in 2010 and any other article where applicable.

### **Inspections will include:**

1. Unannounced inspection visits to all approved centres. Brief meetings providing initial impressions may be facilitated at the end of each inspection with relevant staff.
2. Three Whole Service Evaluations which will include visits to a selection of Day Hospitals, Day Centres, Home based Treatment Teams, Outpatient Departments and 24 hour nurse staffed community residences.
3. National Overview meetings with representatives from Rehab and Recovery Mental Health Services, Addiction Mental Health Services and Forensic Mental Health Services.

4. National Overview meeting Service Users, Carers, Family Representatives, Consumer Panels and Advocacy Groups.

Information which will be requested from the services will include:

- Information on clinical governance structures and functioning
- Management structures and functioning
- Positive developments within the service 2010/2011
- Quality Improvement
- Service user involvement
- Advocacy Groups
- Hospital closure plans (where applicable)
- Day Hospitals
- Day Centres
- Home based treatment teams
- Crisis Houses
- Outpatient Departments
- 24 hour nurse staffed community residences
- Prescriptions of medication for 24 Hour Nurse Staffed Community Residences

The number of members of the Inspectorate team attending for inspection will depend on the complexity of the visit, the likelihood of serious non- adherence with statutory requirements and the exigencies of the Inspectorate.

After completion of each report, it will be sent to the Registered Proprietor of the service, Clinical Director and Executive Clinical Director or CEO of Independent services for correction of factual inaccuracies within a set time frame.

A factually corrected report will be sent to the Director of Standards and Quality Assurance and the Registered Proprietor (in the case of approved centres only).