

Frequently Asked Questions - Code on Admission, Transfer and Discharge

Who does this code apply to?

The code applies to all residents in approved centres both voluntary and involuntary.

How does the code interface with the Mental Health Act 2001?

The code is without prejudice to any legal requirements for the admission, transfer and discharge of involuntary patients under the Mental Health Act 2001. In other words, the Act must be followed at all times, over and above anything stated in the code of practice. The Act is the law, whereas the code represents good practice guidance.

When will monitoring compliance with this code of practice commence?

Compliance with this code will be incorporated into the 2010 inspections by the Inspector of Mental Health Services. It is intended that this will allow services sufficient time to familiarise themselves with the code and its requirements.