



Chief Psychiatrist Schedule of Delegations

Change in Supervising Psychiatrist for a Community Treatment Order - section 135(2) and (3) of the *Mental Health Act 2014*

Responsibilities of authorised officers and instrument of authorisation

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CHIEF PSYCHIATRIST of Western Australia

This document lays out the responsibilities of the officer authorised to exercise the Chief Psychiatrist's powers under section 135(3) of the *Mental Health Act 2014* (Act) regarding change of supervising psychiatrist for a community treatment order. The instrument of authorisation is attached, which details who is authorised to exercise the Chief Psychiatrist's powers under section 135(2) of the Act.

IMPORTANT

- The powers of the Chief Psychiatrist under section 135(2) of the Act are vested in the officers specified in the instrument of authorisation.
- The officers authorised to discharge the power of the Chief Psychiatrist in the Instrument of Authorisation do not have the authority to authorise other officers to exercise this power.
- Prescribed Medical Practitioners who hold the title 'Registrar in Psychiatry,' 'Senior Medical Practitioner' or 'Health Service Medical Practitioner' are **NOT** authorised to discharge this delegated power of the Chief Psychiatrist.

1. Section 135(2) and (3) - *Change in Supervising Psychiatrist for a Community Treatment Order*

Responsibilities of the authorised officer

In exercising the power of the Chief Psychiatrist under section 135(2) of the Act, the authorised officer is to have regard to the following;

- Changing the Supervising Psychiatrist for a Community Treatment Order would occur when the supervising psychiatrist is on a period of leave for a protracted period impacting on the application of the CTO, or when clinically required.
- Ensure appropriate arrangements are in place as per section 135(2)(a) of the Act and the officer is satisfied the psychiatrist to whom the patient is being transferred is aware of and in agreement with the transfer.
- Ensure that the approved Form 5C *Variation of Terms of Community Treatment Order* is complete with particular regard to *Change in supervising psychiatrist* details.
- Ensure a copy of the approved Form 5C *Variation of Terms of Community Treatment Order* noting a change in supervising psychiatrist is provided to the patient as per 135(2)(b) of the Act.
- Ensure that in discharging this function on behalf of the Chief Psychiatrist, it may only be exercised in respect of the mental health service the authorised officer is attached to.

INSTRUMENT OF AUTHORISATION

MENTAL HEALTH ACT 2014

1. I, Nathan Gibson, Chief Psychiatrist of Western Australia, acting pursuant to **section 135(3)** of the ***Mental Health Act 2014 (the Act)***, hereby authorise the following persons who meet the definition of a psychiatrist under section 4 of the Act, and who;
(i) hold the following offices; or
(ii) may from time to time, act in these offices,
to exercise the power under **section 135(2)** of the Act:

Office of the Chief Psychiatrist

- Deputy Chief Psychiatrist – Office of the Chief Psychiatrist.

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAHS, CAMHS)

- Medical Co-Director - Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, Child and Adolescent Health Services
- Head of Department – Specialised Services, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, Child and Adolescent Health Services
- Head of Department – Perth Children’s Hospital Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service, Child and Adolescent Health Service
- Head of Department - Community Services, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service, Child and Adolescent Health Service.

East Metropolitan Health Service (EMHS)

- Head of Department, East Metropolitan Health Service, Psychiatry Armadale Kalamunda Group
- Medical Co-Director - East Metropolitan Health Service, Mental Health, Royal Perth Bentley Group
- Clinical Lead – East Metropolitan Health Service, Royal Perth Hospital, Psychiatry.

North Metropolitan Health Service (NMHS)

- Director of Clinical Services - North Metropolitan Health Service, Mental Health
- Medical Co-Director - North Metropolitan Health Service, Acute Mental Health
- Medical Co-Director - North Metropolitan Health Service , Mental Health Specialties
- Medical Co-Director - North Metropolitan Health Service, Community Mental Health
- Medical Co-Director and Director of Psychiatry– Women’s Health, Genetics and Mental Health, King Edward Memorial Hospital.

South Metropolitan Health Service (SMHS)

- Medical Co-Director –South Metropolitan Health Service, Rockingham Peel Group Mental Health Services
- Head of Service – South Metropolitan Health Service, Mental Health, Fiona Stanley Hospital
- Head of Service – South Metropolitan Health Service, Mental Health, Fremantle Hospital.

Western Australia Country Health Service (WACHS)

- Clinical Director - WACHS Great Southern Mental Health Service
- Clinical Director - WACHS Goldfields Mental Health Service
- Clinical Director – WACHS Kimberly Mental Health and Drug Service
- Clinical Director – WACHS Pilbara Mental Health and Drug Service
- Clinical Director – WACHS Midwest Mental Health
- Clinical Director – WACHS South West Mental Health
- Clinical Director – WACHS Wheatbelt Mental Health
- Director of Psychiatry – WACHS Mental Health Emergency Telehealth Service
- Director of Psychiatry – WACHS Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service
- Directory of Psychiatry – WACHS Older Adult Mental Health Service
- Director of Psychiatry – Clinical Training
- Director of Psychiatry – Clinical Governance

Public Private Partnership

- Head of Service - Joondalup Health Campus – Mental Health Unit
 - Head of Department, Psychiatry - St John of God Midland Public Hospital, Mental Health Service.
2. This instrument of authorisation shall remain in force until otherwise amended or revoked.
 3. All prior authorisations issued in relation to the function covered by this instrument are revoked.

DATED: 09 May 2023

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Nathan Gibson', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Dr Nathan Gibson
CHIEF PSYCHIATRIST