



Specialty Specific Policy Documents – Mental Health

Disclaimer: This is not a complete list of policies for this specialty but contains key policy documents. Information on searching comprehensive policy libraries is provided below.

WACHS-wide Mental Health Policy Documents

WACHS-wide mental health policies serve to operationalise and contextualise the mandatory requirements of the *Mental Health Act 2014*, the [Chief Psychiatrist's Guidelines and Standards](#), and [WA Health Mandatory Policies](#).

- [Aboriginal Mental Health Consultation Guideline](#)
- [Access to Community Mental Health Services Policy](#)
- [Adult Psychiatric Inpatient Services – Referral Admission Assessment Care Treatment Discharge Policy](#)
- [Alcohol and other Drugs Managements Policy](#)
- [Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service Resources – EUCP Policy](#)
- [Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy](#)
- [Electroconvulsive Therapy Policy](#)
- [Granting Management of Leave for Acute Psychiatric Unit Inpatients Guideline](#)
- [Management of Community Treatment Orders Procedure](#)
- [Management of Non-Engagement with Community Mental Health Services Policy](#)
- [Mental Health Case Management Policy](#)
- [Mental Health Clinical Handover Procedure](#)
- [Mental Health Personal Property Management Policy](#)
- [Mental Health Reflective Supervision Guideline](#)
- [Mental Health Restraint Policy](#)
- [Mental Health Search and Seizure Procedure](#)
- [Mental Health Seclusion Policy](#)
- [Mental Health Visitor Management Policy](#)
- [Missing Person or Suspected Missing Mental Health Inpatient Procedure](#)
- [Physical Health Care for Consumers of Mental Health Inpatient Units Procedure](#)
- [Physical Health Care for Mental Health Consumers Policy](#)
- [Physical Health Care for Mental Consumers within Community Mental Health Services Procedure](#)
- [Recognising and Responding to Acute Deterioration \(RRAD\) Policy](#)
- [Recognising and Responding to Acute Deterioration Procedure](#)
- [Responding to Allegations of Sexual Safety Breaches Procedure](#)

- [Sexual Safety Policy](#)
- [Specialised Medication – Lithium Guideline](#)
- [Specialised Medication – Olanzapine Pamoate – Zyprexa® Relprevv Guideline](#)
- [Specialised Medication – Zuclopenthixol Acetate – Clopixol Acuphase® Guideline](#)
- [Statewide Mental Health Bed Access, Capacity and Escalation Policy 2025](#)
- [Therapeutic Observations in Mental Health Inpatient Units Policy](#)
- [Use of Telehealth for Mental Health Act Assessments and Examinations Policy](#)

Regional Policy Documents

Goldfields:

- [Admission to Goldfields Mental Health Inpatient Service Procedure – Kalgoorlie Hospital Mental Health Inpatient Unit](#)
- [Discharge Planning from the Goldfields Community Mental Health Service Procedure](#)
- [Discharge Planning from the Mental Health Unit Procedure – Kalgoorlie Hospital](#)
- [Inpatient Leave Procedure – Goldfields Mental Health Inpatient Unit](#)
- [Mental Health Triage and Short-Term Treatment Procedure – Goldfields Mental Health Service](#)

Great Southern:

- [Admissions of Mental Health Patients Procedure – Albany Hospital Acute Psychiatric Unit](#)
- [Alerts and Notification of Clinical Risk Procedure – Great Southern Mental Health Service](#)
- [Bed Prioritisation and Bed Closure Procedure – Albany Hospital Acute Psychiatric Unit](#)
- [Community Mental Health Assessment and Treatment Team Procedure – Great Southern Mental Health Service](#)
- [Community Mental Health Clinical Treatment Team Procedure – Great Southern Mental Health Service](#)
- [Discharge from the Emergency Department of Patients with Mental Health Symptoms Procedure – Albany Hospital](#)
- [Electroconvulsive Policy Procedure – Albany Hospital Acute Psychiatric Unit](#)
- [Mental Health Consultation and Liaison Service Procedure – Albany Health Campus](#)
- [Mental Health Liaison Nurse Procedure – Albany Hospital](#)
- [Mental Health Shift Coordinator Procedure – Albany Hospital Acute Psychiatric Unit](#)
- [Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit \(PICU\) Procedure – Albany Hospital Acute Psychiatric Unit](#)
- [Seclusion Procedure – Albany Hospital Acute Psychiatric Unit](#)
- [Smokers Clinic Guideline – Great Southern Mental Health Service](#)
- [Smoking Care Guideline – Albany Hospital Acute Psychiatric Unit](#)
- [Use of the Secure Unit Family Meeting Room Procedure – Albany Hospital Acute Psychiatric Unit](#)

Kimberley:

- [Absent Without Leave and Missing Persons Flowchart – Broome Mental Health Unit](#)
- [Absent Without Leave and Missing Persons Procedure – Broome Mental Health Unit](#)
- [Kimberley Mental Health and Drug Service Triage Procedure](#)

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- [Patient Admission Procedure – Broome Mental Health Unit](#)
- [Patient Discharge Procedure – Broome Mental Health Inpatient Unit](#)
- [Patient Injury Procedure – Broome Mental Health Unit](#)
- [Shared Care of Mental Health Clients in Remote Area Settings Procedure – Kimberley](#)

There are no region procedures for mental health services in the South West, Wheatbelt, Midwest, and the Pilbara.

Chief Psychiatrist Guidelines and Standards

Guidelines

The following Guidelines are published on the [Chief Psychiatrist's website](#).

- [Audiovisual Communication](#)
- [Clinicians' Practice Guide to the Mental Health Act 2014](#)
- [Ensuring Compliance with the Mental Health Act 2014 by mental health services and compliance with approved forms](#)
- [Further Opinions](#)
- [Making decisions about whether or not a person is in need of an inpatient treatment order or a Community Treatment Order](#)
- [Making Decisions under Section \(26\(3\)\(a\) about whether or not a place that is not an authorised hospital is an appropriate place to conduct an examination](#)
- [Options for people on Community Treatment Orders who are in breach and/or need inpatient treatment](#)
- [Prescribed Medical Practitioners](#)
- [Sexual Safety of Consumers of Mental Health Services in Western Australia](#)
- [The Administration of Electroconvulsive Therapy \(ECT\) in WA](#)
- [The Preparation, Review, and Revision of Treatment, Support and Discharge Plans](#)
- [The Use of Detention and Restraint in Non-Authorised Healthcare Settings](#)

Standards

The following Standards are published on the [Chief Psychiatrist's website](#).

- [Aboriginal practice](#)
- [Assessment](#)
- [Care planning](#)
- [Consumers and carer involvement in individual care](#)
- [Physical healthcare of mental health consumers](#)
- [Risk assessment and management](#)
- [Seclusion and bodily restraint reduction](#)
- [Transfer of care](#)
- [Prescribed medical practitioners](#)
- [Sexual safety or mental health consumers](#)
- [Administration of electroconvulsive therapy \(ECT\) in WA](#)
- [Authorisation of hospitals under the Mental Health Act 2014](#)

Preferred Guidance for Infant Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

The following external policies and guidelines are the preferred guidance for use by WACHS staff providing mental health services.

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS):

- [Clinical Assessment Policy](#)
- [Clinical Handover Guideline](#)
- [Consent Guideline](#)
- [Mental Health Act Legal Orders and Notifications Policy](#)
- [Patient Rights under the Mental Act Policy](#)
- [Physical Health Assessment and Monitoring Policy](#)
- [Psychotropic Medication- Monitoring Adverse Physical Health Effects Policy](#)
- [Risk Assessment and Management Policy](#)
- [Sexual Safety: Responding and Reporting Guideline](#)
- [Sexual Safety: Promotion and Prevention Guideline](#)

Child and Adolescent Health Service:

- [Guidelines for Protecting Children](#)

WA Health Mandatory Policies

The [WA Health Policy Frameworks](#) contain a set of mandatory policies that prescribe requirements and standards or procedures. These policies establish clear guardrails that define the level of consistency and discretion available to WA health entities. Some of the most frequently referenced Mandatory Policies are:

Clinical Governance, Safety and Quality

- MP 0095/18 [Clinical Handover Policy](#)
- MP 0122/19 [Clinical Incident Management Policy](#)
- MP 0175/22 [Consent to Treatment Policy](#)
- MP 0084/18 [Credentialing and Defining Scope of Clinical Practice Policy](#)
- MP 0131/20 [High Risk Medication Policy](#)
- MP 0078/18 [Medication Chart Policy](#)
- MP 0104/19 [Medication Review Policy](#)
- MP 0171/22 [Recognising and Responding to Acute Deterioration Policy](#)
- MP 0077/18 [Statewide Medicines Formulary Policy](#)

Clinical Services and Planning

- MP 0166/21 [Mandatory Reporting of Child Sexual Abuse Training Policy](#)

Digital Health

- MP 0066/17 [Acceptable Use of Information and Communications Technology Policy](#)
- MP 0001/16 [Information and Communications Technology \(ICT\) Governance Policy](#)

Integrity

- MP 0124/19 [Code of Conduct Policy](#)
- MP 0127/20 [Discipline Policy](#)
- MP 0125/19 [Notifiable and Reportable Conduct Policy](#)

Mental Health

MP 0062/17 [Alcohol and Other Drug Withdrawal Management Policy](#)
MP 0074/17 [Clinical Care of People Who May be Suicidal Policy](#)
MP 0099/18 [Community Mental Health Status Assessments: Role of Mental Health Clinician Policy](#)
MP 0012/16 [Mental Health Consumers Who Are Missing or Absent Without Leave Policy](#)
MP 0181/24 [Safety Planning for Mental Health Consumers Policy](#)
MP 0155/21 [State wide Standardised Clinical Documentation for Mental Health Services](#)

Public Health

MP 139/20 - [Medicines Handling Policy](#)

System Governance, Risk and Assurance

MP 0051/17 [Language Services Policy](#)

Legislation

[Health Services Act 2016](#) (WA)

[Mental Health Act 2014](#)

[Carers Recognition Act 2004](#)

[Criminal Law \(Mental Impairment\) Act 2023](#)

Support Tools and Other Resources

Additional resources can be found on the [WACHS SharePoint page](#); however, several key resources are listed below.

[MR140M Mental Health – Therapeutic Observations Chart](#)

[MR23 Mental Health Cultural Information Gathering Tool](#)

[MRMH990A Mental Health Transport Risk Assessment](#)

ED-CO-25-119639 - [Mental Health Policy Document Development Flowchart](#)

Searching for Policy Documents

The complete suite of WACHS policy and related documents is hosted in the [SharePoint Policy Library](#), which is the primary source of policy documents. The complete Policy Library is also accessible from mobile devices. For ease of access, WACHS Policies are also published to the internet except for sensitive policy documents and related documents.

[Policies - Welcome to WACHS policy](#) (key word search)

[Using mobile devices to view policies](#)

SharePoint List: [Policies - WACHS Policies](#)

Regional Policy Links: [WACHS Goldfields](#), [WACHS Great Southern](#), [WACHS Kimberley](#), [WACHS Midwest](#), [WACHS Pilbara](#), [WACHS South West](#), [WACHS Wheatbelt](#)

WACHS [Policies on the internet](#) - A-Z

[Chief Psychiatrists Instructions](#)

[Quality Standards Aged Care](#)

Other sources of regulation and legislation are listed in [Key resources](#)

Feedback and Suggestions

To provide feedback relating to this Specialty Specific List, please contact the Mental Health Policy team – [WACHS-MH-Policy](#).

[WACHS Policy](#) welcomes your feedback and encourages subject matter experts, stakeholders, and staff to identify changes in regulations, best practice, and to identify areas of missing or insufficient policy scope.

