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Enquiry details

[I'm looking for examples of good practice in the management of Section 117 aftercare, in particular the assessment, review and discharge processes for complex cases such as LD/PD/MH, and Dementia.](#)

Methods of literature search

We do not currently have the capacity to read, appraise and synthesise all of the articles and documents that may be relevant to your question.

However, we aim to:

- Include as few documents as possible so that you can focus on the most relevant information
- Organise results by publication types, e.g. guidance, synopses, original research, service examples, etc.
- Read the key texts and extract the most relevant passages
- Attach a full search strategy as an appendix

The sources searched and limits used in this search were as follows:

[Databases: AMED, BNI, EMBASE, HMIC, MEDLINE, PsycINFO, CINAHL, HEALTH BUSINESS ELITE](#)

[NHS Evidence: a web-based portal that gives access to authoritative clinical and non-clinical evidence and best practice.](#)

[Google search engine](#)

[Terms searched: "Section 117", aftercare, "mental health act", "good practice", "learning disabilit\\$", "physical disabilit\\$", assessment, review, discharge – see appendix](#)

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<https://register.athensams.net/nhs/nhseng/>.

You can then access the papers by simply entering your username and password. If you do not have easy access to the internet to gain access, please let us know and we can download the papers for you.

Guidance on Searching within Online Documents

Links are provided to the full text of each of these documents. Relevant extracts have been copied and pasted into these Search Results. Rather than browse through often lengthy documents, you can search for specific words and phrases as follows:

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Click on the Search button (illustrated with binoculars). This will open up a search window. Type in the term you need to find and links to all of the references to that term within the document will be displayed in the window.

You can jump to each reference by clicking it. You can search for more terms by pressing 'search again'.

Word documents

Select Edit from the menu, the Find and type in your term in the search box which is presented. The search function will locate the first use of the term in the document. By pressing 'next' you will jump to further references.

Key results found by the library and knowledge service

Overview of findings

There are few examples of good practice in the management of section 117 aftercare. Whilst the legal guidance is clearly stated, there is very little in the literature describing best practice let alone specific areas of care.

Guidance (national and international)

[Aftercare under section 117 of the Mental Health Act](#)

Mind is the leading mental health charity in England and Wales. We work to create a better life for everyone with experience of mental distress.

Reports

[Better or worse: a longitudinal study of the mental health of adults living in private households in Great Britain](#)

The report describes a longitudinal study based on two surveys carried out by the Office for National Statistics among adults living in private households in Great Britain. The first survey covered adults aged 16 to 74 and was carried out in 2000. The second survey followed up a proportion of the sample from the original survey approximately 18 months later in 2001. This report considers the extent of onset and recovery from common mental disorders, including substance use, and suicidal thoughts over that 18 month period and factors associated with these changes. It also considers treatment and services received for mental health problems and a range of measures of quality of life

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsStatistics/DH_4081091

Systematic reviews

None

Original research

2006 – current

1. The councils that shirk their responsibility to pay for care.

Citation: Community Care, 29 January 2009, vol./is. /1755(31-), 03075508

Author(s): Mitchell, Ed

Abstract: The article reflects on community care legislation in Great Britain, the section 117 of The Mental Health Act 1983. It opines that Section 117 is the sore thumb of community care legislation as it obliges councils and the National Health Service to provide aftercare services for people discharged after treatment under the Mental Health Act 1983. It comments that councils dealing with older people often ignore the condition that section 117 services must be provided free of charge.

Source: HEALTH BUSINESS ELITE

2. Aftercare under Section 117 of the Mental Health Act 1983: awareness and practice.

Citation: Medicine, Science & the Law, January 2009, vol./is. 49/1(41-5), 0025-8024;0025-8024 (2009 Jan)

Author(s): Dibben C; Khandaker G; Ramana R

Abstract: The aim of this study is to investigate the level of awareness amongst consultants regarding Mental Health Act (MHA) Section 117 aftercare, their responsibilities and current practice. We conducted a cross-sectional survey alongside a retrospective study of the Trust Section 117 aftercare registers. Seventy-four per cent of the consultants were aware of the Section 117 aftercare registers and the need for review of aftercare. Ninety-four per cent were aware of the financial implications of Section 117. However, only 52% of the consultants regularly contributed to the review process to identify patients who were no longer in need of aftercare under Section 117. Over a five-year period, 150 patients were discharged from Section 117, of whom only 4% were officially discharged following review of the care plan. Health and social services have a legal obligation to provide aftercare to all eligible patients free of charge under Section 117. With the new Mental Health Act 2007 this will now include patients on Supervised Community Treatment Orders. It is important to have a clear understanding of Section 117 to ensure patients' needs are met and to allow effective use of resources.

Source: MEDLINE

3. Call to end 'bizarre' discrepancy under new Mental Capacity Act.

Citation: Hospital Doctor, 28 September 2006, vol./is. /(6-), 02623145

Abstract: The article reports on the call of the Royal College of Psychiatrists of Great Britain for an end to discrepancies between laws used for detaining mental health patients. Under the Bournemouth proposals, patients with dementia, learning difficulties or autism who are detained under the Mental Capacity Act will be means-tested before being given aftercare, while patients sectioned under the Mental Health Act will get their aftercare for free.

Source: HEALTH BUSINESS ELITE

2000 - 2005

[Living with risk: mental health service user involvement in risk assessment and management](#)

Published 01/04/2004

This research is about the involvement in risk assessment and management of those mental health service users considered by professionals to pose a potential risk to other people. The research was

carried out because of concerns that the voices of such service users were not being heard in research, policy or practice. The overall aim is to produce recommendations for good practice that enable the expertise of this largely hidden group to be included in the planning and provision of effective services. It outlines the aims and objectives of the research and then describes the context of increasing concern about dangerousness within which it took place, a fact noted by the following service user, who also identified more salient risk factors than mental state, namely age and gender: "But, again, from the kind of general voice of users who say 'Well, actually, most of us find that a little bit kind of strong to somehow say because one's had mental health problems, you're immediately

1990s

1. Aftercare under the 1983 mental health act

Citation: Psychiatric Bulletin, 1995, vol./is. 19/3(158-160), 0955-6036 (1995)

Author(s): Wilkinson E.; Richards H.

Language: English

Abstract: The aftercare of psychiatric patients discharged from hospital is currently under debate among clinicians and in the media. Our study audited the planning of aftercare for detained patients discharged under section 117 of the 1983 Mental Health Act. Our completed audit cycle showed how discharge planning can be improved yet underlines the difficulties encountered in providing for this vulnerable patient group.

Publication Type: Journal: Short Survey

Source: EMBASE

Full Text: Available in *fulltext* at *Highwire Press*

2. Supervised aftercare for clients with mental health problems.

Citation: Nursing Times, 1997, vol./is. 93/43(50-51), 0954-7762

Author(s): Slinger, Philippa

Language: English

Abstract: Amongst other changes, the Mental Health (Patients in the Community) Act, implemented in April 1996, introduces what has become known as 'supervised discharge' to the terms of Section 117 of the 1983 Mental Health Act. This article explains the requirements of supervised discharge and how best to manage it. [KJ]

Source: HMIC

3. An investigation into the practice and benefits of statutory aftercare in an inner city psychiatric service

Citation: International Journal of Clinical Practice, September 1997, vol./is. 51/6(355-358), 1368-5031 (Sep 1997)

Author(s): Hall A.D.; Puri B.K.; Meehan K.; Read J.H.M.

Language: English

Abstract: The implementation of statutory aftercare for psychiatric inpatients, as outlined in Section 117 of the Mental Health Act 1983 (England and Wales), was studied by examining current practice in an inner city psychiatric service. Seventy-seven per cent of patients received Section 117 aftercare; 56% of patients did not have an identified key worker. A significant proportion of those receiving statutory aftercare did not have evidence of adequate forward planning. General practitioners did not attend any meetings. Patients who had Section 117 aftercare were compared with those who did not. Using the Cox regression model, it was found there was no significant difference between these two groups in terms of time between discharge and first readmission, readmission rate, and length of first readmission.

Publication Type: Journal: Article

Source: EMBASE

Service examples / Institutional publications

North East London NHS Foundation Trust

[http://www.nelft.nhs.uk/documentbank/Section 117 Aftercare under the MHA 1983 MHA014 May 2009.pdf](http://www.nelft.nhs.uk/documentbank/Section%20117%20Aftercare%20under%20the%20MHA%201983%20MHA014%20May%202009.pdf)

Cambridgeshire County Council

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/NR/ronlyres/7358237F-5640-4C17-870A-FAD7533DD18A/0/disability62.pdf>

Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

<http://www.cwp.nhs.uk/GuidancePolicies/CWPPolicies/Mentalhealthact/Documents/MH18%20Section%20117%20Aftercare%20Issue%202.pdf>

Additional information

None

Search strategy

1. PsycINFO; "section 117".ti,ab; 3 results.
2. PsycINFO; aftercare.ti,ab; 1828 results.
3. PsycINFO; 1 OR 2; 1831 results.
4. PsycINFO; assessment.ti,ab; 159352 results.
5. PsycINFO; 3 AND 4; 181 results.
6. PsycINFO; review.ti,ab; 217111 results.
7. PsycINFO; discharge.ti,ab; 16544 results.
8. PsycINFO; (learning AND disabilit\$ AND physical AND disabilit\$).ti,ab; 868 results.
9. PsycINFO; (learning AND disabilit\$ OR physical AND disabilit\$).ti,ab; 23573 results.
10. PsycINFO; 3 AND 9; 7 results.
11. PsycINFO; 3 AND 6 AND 9; 1 results.
12. PsycINFO; 3 AND 7; 312 results.
13. PsycINFO; 9 AND 12; 0 results.
14. PsycINFO; 3 AND 4 AND 9; 1 results.
15. PsycINFO; "mental health act".ti,ab; 670 results.
16. PsycINFO; 3 OR 15; 2497 results.
17. PsycINFO; 4 AND 16; 261 results.
18. PsycINFO; 9 AND 17; 5 results.
19. PsycINFO; 6 AND 16; 241 results.
20. PsycINFO; 9 AND 19; 6 results.
21. PsycINFO; 7 AND 9 AND 19; 2 results.
22. HEALTH BUSINESS ELITE; "Mental health act".ti,ab; 204 results.
23. HEALTH BUSINESS ELITE; aftercare.ti,ab; 106 results.
24. HEALTH BUSINESS ELITE; 22 OR 23; 306 results.
25. HEALTH BUSINESS ELITE; 22 AND 23; 4 results.
26. PsycINFO; 2 AND 15; 4 results.
27. MEDLINE; "mental health act".ti,ab; 635 results.
28. MEDLINE; aftercare.ti,ab; 1881 results.
29. MEDLINE; 27 AND 28; 8 results.
30. AMED, BNI, EMBASE, HMIC, MEDLINE, PsycINFO, CINAHL, HEALTH BUSINESS ELITE; "section 117".ti,ab; 37 result