

Mental Health Act 2016 Implementation Newsletter

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An important message about the commencement of the Mental Health Act 2016

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Overall, implementation activities are progressing very well. However, we have come across many implementation challenges over the past 8 months and we are going to need a bit more time to get the job done properly!

The revised commencement date for the Act is **5 March 2017**. With the Christmas-New Year break, it will only add a matter of weeks to the time-frames, so it is essential that AMHSs continue to push ahead with implementation activities.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our hard working team, key stakeholders and all who have contributed to date - your contribution has been invaluable!

Outlined below you will find the Key Dates to commencement.

Mental Health Act 2016 Implementation – Key Dates to 5 March 2017

Date	Key Milestone
August 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AMHS Contacts Forum (#3) Completion of forms for Act Completion of CIMHA business requirements for Act
September 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commence second round of stakeholder engagement to support their preparation for commencement (e.g. member newsletters) Ensure government agencies are prepared for commencement (on-going to commencement); includes MHRT, MHC Registry, QPS, QAS, QCS, Public Guardian, QCAT Registry Publication of Chief Psychiatrist Policies (19)

Date	Key Milestone
October 2016	<p>AMHS Administrators Forum</p> <p>Complete recruitment of Independent Patient Rights Advisers</p> <p>Publication of Advance Health Directive Form and Guide</p> <p>Sign-off with Emergency Department Panel on approach to training emergency department staff on the emergency examination authority provisions</p>
November 2016	<p>e-Learning modules for authorised doctors and authorised mental health practitioners (AMHPs) goes live</p> <p>Commence training of Independent Patient Rights Advisers</p> <p>Completion of CIMHA software build</p> <p>Complete development of training for doctors and AMHPs in capacity assessment and developing advance health directives (for on-going delivery)</p> <p>Complete development of State-wide workshop program for consumers and carers on development of advance health directives (for on-going delivery)</p> <p>Complete recruitment to Court Liaison Service positions</p> <p>Finalise Court Liaison Service Model of Service and State-wide business processes</p> <p>Appointment of MHRT Deputy President and MHC (non-psychiatrist) Assisting Clinicians</p>
December 2016	<p>Commence training of Court Liaison Service staff</p> <p>Making of Mental Health Regulation 2016</p> <p>Publish Practice Guidelines and Clinical Guidelines</p> <p>Declaration of authorised mental health services (rural and remote) and AMHS with conditions</p>
January 2017	<p>Commence CIMHA training</p>
February 2017	<p>AMHS Contacts Forum (#4)</p> <p>AMHS delegates Forum</p> <p>State-wide workshops on forensic provisions, including Chief Psychiatrist Policies and Guidelines</p> <p>Delivery of State-wide “Your Rights under the Mental Health Act 2016” Workshops for consumers and carers; to be organised locally by Independent Patient Rights Advisers</p>
5 March 2017	Commencement of Act