

HOW TO GET SUPPORT

A guide for consumers and families using hospital based mental health services in Victoria

I AM IN HOSPITAL WITHOUT MY CONSENT

“COMPULSORY”

I want to know more about my rights while I am in hospital, and have more say in my treatment



Independent Mental Health Advocacy
1300 947 820
www.imha.vic.gov.au



Office of the Public Advocate

Office of the Public Advocate
1300 309 337
publicadvocate.vic.gov.au

Contact a Community Visitor

I want to apply to have my Treatment Order cancelled



Mental Health Tribunal
1800 242 703
www.mht.vic.gov.au

I need to talk to a lawyer about a Mental Health Tribunal hearing or legal issue



Victoria Legal Aid

Victoria Legal Aid
1300 792 387
www.legalaid.vic.gov.au



Mental Health Legal Centre Inc.

Mental Health Legal Centre
9629 4422
www.mhlc.org.au

I want a Second Psychiatric Opinion on my mental health Act status or treatment



Second Psychiatric Opinion Service

Second Psychiatric Opinion Service
1300 503 426
www.secondopinion.org.au

I have concerns about my treatment and experience with the hospital and want to discuss making a complaint



Mental Health Complaints Commissioner
1800 246 054
www.mhcc.vic.gov.au

I AM IN HOSPITAL WITH MY CONSENT

“VOLUNTARY”

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Victorian Mental Illness Awareness Council
(03) 9380 3900
www.vmiac.org.au



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MY FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND IS IN HOSPITAL

I want to know more about my rights as a carer (I need an advocate) and/or support



Tandem Carer Support and Referral Line
1800 314 325
www.tandemcarers.org.au

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I have concerns about the care being provided or need advice regarding guardianship/power of attorney/medical treatment decision making



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MORE INFORMATION

These services are free and confidential for Victorians of all ages.

You have a right to communicate with them and to be supported to do so. If you need more information, or help (such as an interpreter or Aboriginal service), please ask a staff member.



Ask a staff member if you need help contacting these services, need an interpreter, or for brochures where available.