

**Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022
Sections 555, 556 and 571 - 573**

**MHWA 156
Transfer of security or forensic patient**

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Mental Health Statewide UR Number

Local Patient Identifier																			
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FAMILY NAME

GIVEN NAMES

DATE OF BIRTH	SEX	GENDER
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Place patient identification label above

Instructions to complete this form

- This form must be completed by an Authorised Psychiatrist or Delegate.

GIVEN NAMES

FAMILY NAME (BLOCK LETTERS)

a patient of:

Designated Mental Health Service

who is:

- a Security Patient
 - a Forensic Patient (excluding Commonwealth forensic patients)
- (please cross one option only)

1. I direct that the abovenamed person be transferred to:

name of receiving Designated Mental Health Service

2. I direct the transfer because:

- I am satisfied that the transfer is necessary for the person's treatment and I have discussed the transfer with the following Authorised Psychiatrist or Delegate at the receiving Designated Mental Health Service and they approve of the transfer:

Date:

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name of Authorised Psychiatrist or Delegate consulted

date consulted

OR

- the Chief Psychiatrist has directed me to transfer the person because the Chief Psychiatrist is satisfied that the transfer is necessary for the person's treatment.
- (please cross one option only)

3. The reasons for the decision are:

4. I have had regard to:

- the views and preferences of the person and their reasons
 - the person's advance statement of preference
 - the views and preferences of the nominated support person
 - the views of a parent, if the person is under the age of 16 years
 - the views of a guardian of the person
 - the views of a carer, if the transfer will directly affect the carer and the care relationship
 - the views of the Secretary, Department Families, Fairness and Housing if that Secretary has parental responsibility for the person under a Relevant Child Protection Order;
 - for a Security Patient, the views of the Secretary, Department of Justice and Community Safety.
- (please indicate all persons consulted)

Signature:

signature of Authorised Psychiatrist or Delegate

Date:

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Given Names:

Family Name:



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Next steps

- After completing this form:
 1. **tell** the person that they will be transferred to the receiving Designated Mental Health Service
 2. **explain** the purpose and effect of the transfer;
 3. **take** the person to the receiving Designated Mental Health Service
 4. **forward** any documents relevant to the treatment of the person to the receiving designated mental health service;
 5. **in the case of a security patient, notify** the following persons (as applicable) that the person will be transferred:
 - the person's nominated support person;
 - a parent if the person is under the age of 16 years;
 - a carer, if the transfer will directly affect the carer and the care relationship;
 - the person's guardian;
 - the Secretary, Department of Families, Fairness and Housing if that Secretary has parental responsibility for the person under a Relevant Child Protection Order.
 6. **in the case of a forensic patient, give the patient**, and the persons set out above (as applicable), a copy of this direction;
 7. **ensure** appropriate supports are provided to assist the person/s to understand this information; and
 8. **notify** the primary non-legal mental health advocacy service provider of this direction.
- The Authorised Psychiatrist of the receiving designated mental health service must ensure that reasonable steps are taken to notify the Justice Secretary (security patients) or Health Secretary (forensic patients) when the person is received.

Notes

A reference to the Justice Secretary includes a reference to the Chief Commissioner of Police in relation to a person who immediately before being detained in a Designated Mental Health Service as a security patient was serving a sentence of imprisonment in a police gaol within the meaning of the **Corrections Act 1986** or being held in police custody on the order of a court.