

Mental Health Acute Care Pathway Review
Strategic Outline Case
Glossary of Terms

Inpatient Services	For people who require treatment in hospital
Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU)	For people who require intensive care because of the severity of their mental health condition
Community Mental Health Teams (CMHT)	The CMHT is a community team made up of community psychiatric nurses, psychiatrists, social workers, occupational therapists and they provide support and treatment for people who have serious mental health conditions in the community
Crisis Resolution Home Treatment Teams (CRHT)	The CRHT is another team made up of professionals as outlined above but they specialise in the support and treatment of people who are acutely mentally unwell and they provide a gateway in to hospital if needed but they aim to keep people at home as far as possible
Street Triage Team	Is a small team of mental health professionals that work alongside the police and helps the police to identify where someone they have contact with has a mental health need. The team provides advice, information and support to the police and they are able to do face to face assessments if required but most of their work carried out over the telephone
Recovery House	The recovery house is a short term alternative to hospital admission for people who are experiencing a mental health crisis. Support is given to enable people to stabilise by providing a safe supported space and resolving the existing difficulty and then through planning for future crisis management
Psychiatric Liaison Service	The psychiatric liaison service works in Bournemouth General Hospital, Poole General Hospital and Dorset County Hospital. The service works in the emergency departments and provides assessments where it appears that someone is experiencing a mental health problem and provides an in-reach service into the wards where there are concerns about someone's mental health.
Approved Mental Health Professional	An Approved Mental Health Professional is a person who is warranted, or authorised, to make certain legal decisions and applications under the Mental Health Act 1983. Usually, this person will be a social worker who has undertaken additional training to become warranted but in 2007 the law was amended to allow other mental health professionals to undertake this role. So it is now possible to see psychiatric nurses, occupational therapists or psychologists becoming AMHPs
Care Programme Approach (CPA)	The Care Programme Approach (CPA) is a way that services are assessed, planned, coordinated and reviewed for someone with mental health problems or a range of related complex needs.
Mental Health Act 1983 and 2007	The MH Act 1983 and 2007 form the legislative framework under which people experiencing a mental disorder that is serious enough to warrant treatment
Section 136	The police can use section 136 of the Mental Health Act to take you to a place of safety when you are in a public place. They can do this if they think you have a mental illness and are in need of care. A place of safety can be a hospital or in exceptional circumstances a police

station.

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A Place of Safety could be a hospital, police station or some other designated place. However, the most recent guidance states that a police station should be used only in exceptional circumstances, and Dorset we are working to ensure that Places of Safety are available in appropriate settings, usually a health based.