



National Health Service Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 41

PART 1

PROMOTION AND PROVISION OF THE HEALTH SERVICE IN ENGLAND

[^{F1}Arrangements for the provision of certain health services]

4 High security psychiatric services

- (1) [^{F1}The Board must arrange for the provision of] hospital accommodation and services for persons who—
- are liable to be detained under the Mental Health Act 1983 (c. 20), and
 - in the opinion of the Secretary of State require treatment under conditions of high security on account of their dangerous, violent or criminal propensities.

- (2) The hospital accommodation and services mentioned in subsection (1) are referred to in this section and paragraph 15 of Schedule 4 (NHS trusts) as “high security psychiatric services”.

- (3) High security psychiatric services may be provided [^{F2}—
- only at hospital premises at which services are provided only for the persons mentioned in subsection (1)[^{F3}, and
 - only by a person approved by the Secretary of State for the purposes of this subsection.]

[^{F4}(3A) The Secretary of State may—

- give directions to a person who provides high security psychiatric services about the provision by that person of those services;
 - give directions to the Board about the exercise of its functions in relation to high security psychiatric services.]
- (4) “Hospital premises” means—
- a hospital, or
 - any part of a hospital which is treated as a separate unit.

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