



Health and Social Care Act 2012

2012 CHAPTER 7

PART 1

THE HEALTH SERVICE IN ENGLAND

Functions relating to mental health matters

39 Discharge of patients

- (1) In section 23 of the Mental Health Act 1983 (discharge of patients), omit subsections (3) and (3A).
- (2) In section 24 of that Act (visiting and examination of patients), omit subsections (3) and (4).
- (3) In Schedule 1 to that Act (application of certain provisions of that Act to patients subject to hospital and guardianship orders)—
 - (a) in Part 1, in paragraph 1, omit “24(3) and (4),” and
 - (b) in Part 2, in paragraph 1, omit “24(3) and (4),”.
- (4) In consequence of the repeals made by this section—
 - (a) in the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990, in Schedule 9—
 - (i) omit paragraph 24(3)(a) and the “and” following it, and
 - (ii) omit paragraph 24(4),
 - (b) in the Health Authorities Act 1995, in Schedule 1, omit paragraph 107(2)(a) and (3),
 - (c) in the Care Standards Act 2000, in Schedule 4, omit paragraph 9(3),
 - (d) in the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003, in Schedule 4, omit paragraphs 53(a) and 54,
 - (e) in the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004—
 - (i) omit sections 37A(5), 38A(3), 43A(5) and 44A(3),
 - (ii) in section 37A(7)(a), omit “, (5)”, and

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- (iii) in section 43A(7), omit “, (5)”, and
- (f) in the Mental Health Act 2007, in Schedule 3, omit paragraphs 10(5) and (6) and 11(3) and (4).

Commencement Information

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