

SFHHPC4

Advise on the fitness of individuals for travel, transfer or release from police custody



Overview

This standard is about health care professionals advising on the fitness of individuals for travel, transfer or release from custody. It includes taking account of background information, observations and the results of any physical or mental health assessments to provide guidance including any potential risks and/or continuing care requirements. Note: When advising on the fitness of individuals for release from police custody, the healthcare professional's role is restricted to advising about after-care following release.

Users of this standard will need to ensure that practice reflects up to date information and policies.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 obtain relevant background information from police officers/staff, including the reasons for their decision to involve a healthcare professional
- P2 communicate with the individual and with police officers/staff clearly and in ways that promote understanding
- P3 review the outcomes of any physical or mental health examinations of the
- P4 recommend whether the individuals is fit for travel or transfer, taking account of their physical or mental health condition and any risk of self-harm
- P5 advise police officers/staff of any on-going care requirements for individuals' travel, transfer or release
- P6 advise on the need for review of continued fitness for travel, transfer or release, including when and how such reviews should be carried out
- P7 liaise with other healthcare professionals and/or police officers to determine the realistic and appropriate options for travel, transfer or release, including an assessment of risk
- P8 recognise the limitations of your own knowledge, experience and authority, and refer to specialists where required
- P9 provide a written record of any advice or recommendations made to the police using the relevant documentation
- P10 keep accurate, legible and complete records in accordance with legal, professional and organisational requirements and guidelines

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 how to obtain background information about an individual and their circumstances
- K2 how an individual's condition may be affected by conditions of travel or transfer e.g.
 - K2.1 distance to be travelled
 - K2.2 mode of transport
- K3 the physical and mental health conditions which may affect an individual's fitness for travel, transfer or release
- K4 the possible care requirements for individuals who are detained with physical and mental health conditions
- K5 when and how an individual's continued fitness for travel, transfer or release should be reviewed
- K6 the duty of care for individuals immediately following release from custody
- K7 how to communicate clearly and in ways that promote understanding
- K8 how to keep accurate, legible and complete records in accordance with legal, professional and organisational requirements and guidelines
- K9 how to liaise with other healthcare professionals and specialist services
- K10 relevant national legislation, guidance and codes of practice governing travel, transfer or release of detained persons

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Additional Information

External links

This standard links with the following dimension within the NHS Knowledge and Skills Framework (October 2004):

Dimension: HWB2 Assessment and care planning to meet people's health and wellbeing needs

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