



Request for the assistance of An Garda Síochána in the: (Please indicate ✓)

**Removal of a Person to an Approved Centre
(Mental Health Act 2001, section 13(3))**

Or

**Return of a Patient to an Approved Centre
(Mental Health Act 2001, section 27(1))**

Date _____

Clinical Director

Name:
Address:
Address:
Address:

Person/Patient Details

Name: _____
Address: _____
Address: _____
Address: _____
DOB: _____

Dear Superintendent,

On foot of receiving a recommendation for the involuntary admission of **(Name)** _____ in accordance with the provisions of the Mental Health Act, 2001 and following discussion between **(Dr. _____)**, Registered Medical Practitioner and myself we have arrived at the conclusion that there is a risk of serious and immediate harm to the above named person or others.

Or

(Name) _____ is absent without leave from the Approved Centre in accordance with the provisions of the Mental Health Act, 2001. I have arrived at the conclusion that there is a risk of serious and immediate harm to the above named patient or others.

Therefore I am seeking the assistance of An Garda Síochána to remove/return **(Name)** _____ to **(name of approved centre)** _____.

Yours sincerely,

Signature: _____ **Name:** _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

E-mail Address: _____



Removal of a Person to an Approved Centre (MHA Section 13)

Removal of persons to approved centres. 13.—(1) Where a recommendation is made in relation to a person (other than a recommendation made following an application under *section 12*), the applicant concerned shall arrange for the removal of the person to the approved centre specified in the recommendation.

(2) Where the applicant concerned is unable to arrange for the removal of the person concerned, the clinical director of the approved centre specified in the recommendation or a consultant psychiatrist acting on his or her behalf shall, at the request of the registered medical practitioner who made the recommendation, arrange for the removal of the person to the approved centre by members of the staff of the approved centre.

(3) Where the clinical director of the approved centre or a consultant psychiatrist acting on his or her behalf and the registered medical practitioner who made the recommendation are of opinion that there is a serious likelihood of the person concerned causing immediate and serious harm to himself or herself or to other persons, the clinical director or a consultant psychiatrist acting on his or her behalf may, if necessary, request the Garda Síochána to assist the members of the staff of the approved centre in the removal by the staff of the person to that centre and the Garda Síochána shall comply with any such request.

(4) Where a request is made to the Garda Síochána under *subsection (3)*, a member or members of the Garda Síochána may—

- (a) enter if need be by force any dwelling or other premises where he or she has reasonable cause to believe that the person concerned may be, and
- (b) take all reasonable measures necessary for the removal of the person concerned to the approved centre including, where necessary, the detention or restraint of the person concerned.

Return of a Patient (including a child) to an Approved Centre (MHA Section 27)

Absence without leave. 27.—(1) Where a patient in respect of whom an admission order, a renewal order or an order under *section 25* is in force—

- (a) leaves an approved centre without permission under *section 26*,
- (b) fails to return to the approved centre in accordance with any direction given under the said *section 26* or on the expiration of the period for which absence or leave was permitted under that section, or Pr.2 S.27
- (c) fails, in the opinion of the consultant psychiatrist responsible for the care and treatment of the patient, to comply with any condition specified in *section 26*,

the clinical director of the approved centre concerned may arrange for members of the staff of the centre to bring the patient back to the approved centre or, if they are unable to do so and the clinical director is of the opinion that there is a serious likelihood of the person concerned causing immediate and serious harm to himself or herself or the other persons, the clinical director or a consultant psychiatrist acting on his or her behalf may, if necessary, request the Garda Síochána to assist the members of the staff of the approved centre in the removal by the staff of the person to that centre and the Garda Síochána shall comply with any such request.

(2) A member of the Garda Síochána may for the purposes of this section—

- (a) enter if need be by force any dwelling or other premises where he or she has reasonable cause to believe that the patient may be, and
- (b) take all reasonable measures necessary for the return of the patient to the approved centre including, where necessary, the detention or restraint of the patient.

(3) In this section “patient” includes a child in respect of whom an order under *section 25* is in force.