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Mental Health – Conveyance

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SWASFT Perspective

- 999 process and NHS Pathways
- Red 1 to Green 4
- Response to Mental Health Act Conveyance
- Response to section 136 requests
- Secure Transport
- Out of Area Conveyance

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SWASFT Perspective

- Problematic education for clinical staff
- Communication and de-escalation
- Restraint
- Alcohol



SWASFT Contract

Mental Health Transport to the nearest clinically appropriate mental health facility or agreed place of safety for patients 'sectioned' under the Mental Health Act (this includes section 135 and 136) Transport to the nearest clinically appropriate mental health facility or agreed place of safety for 'voluntary' patients where a double crewed ambulance or patient support vehicle is required and the patient must arrive within the next 4 hours. This includes transfers from Emergency Departments Mental Health Patients being conveyed urgently to an acute hospital for immediate treatment (within 4 hours) where a double crewed ambulance or patient support vehicle is required

Transport for mental health patients is usually agreed within 4 hours, however to allow the principles of the mental health crisis concordat to be applied it should be noted the timeframe can be less than 4 hours if appropriate and requested e.g. in response to section 136 transfer requests.

It should be noted that an emergency ambulance or Patient Support Vehicle may be utilised to undertake mental health transfers, as appropriate.





Comprehensive Review

- In order to deliver quality we must first define what that means
- What is the requirement
- How should it be provided
- Vehicle type
- Conveying crew



Methodology and data

- Booking made by, profession not individual, i.e. Police, AMHP etc
- Under Section
- Which section
- Day of week
- Time of day





Methodology and data

- Journey from (truncated post code)
- Journey to (truncated post code)
- Type of transport used (needs to include reference to secure transport if this was specific requirement, ambulance, car etc)



Mental Health the Ambulance vision

- Specialist Mental Health Conveying Resource
- Non Clinical Crew
- Specialist Paramedics Mental Health
- Timescales based on clinical need





Questions?

