**LINCOLNSHIRE JOINT AGENCY MENTAL HEALTH AND LEARING DISABILITY SERVICES**

**JOINT AGENCY SECTION 117 AFTERCARE ASSESSMENT GUIDANCE**

**Header**

Enter the individuals name in the header.

**Responsible Authorities for section 117 aftercare**

Enter the Responsible Authorities for commissioning the section 117 aftercare if there is a change to the default responsible commissioners.

1. **Person details**
   1. Enter the Person details, using the drop-down box’s where these are included.
   2. Enter details of any cultural needs the individual has identified.
   3. Enter details of the lead professional and their work base address.
   4. Enter the date of the assessment.
   5. Please note if there are links to the care act.
2. **Mental Health act detention details**
   1. Utilising the drop-down box identify the detention section.
   2. The date of detention in the commencement box.
   3. Date of discharge if known.
   4. Dates and location (county) of previous sections.
3. **Data Collection**

Provide the information leaflet and provide verbal information as to how the individuals details will be collected and used.

1. **Mental Capacity**
   1. When a person does not consent, the section 117 aftercare entitlement does not automatically lapse and the care team should ensure that needs and risks are identified and where possible, communicated to the person.
   2. Record the individuals consent or not to the assessment, recording details of how information was given to the individual in line with the relevant agencies policy capacity to consent.
   3. If the individual lacks capacity record details and the outcome of the best interest meeting, in line with the relevant agencies policy.
   4. Choose the relevant outcome of consent from the drop-down box.
2. **Diagnosis and about you**
   1. Please enter the professional diagnosis and how the individual sees their current condition. An example: the professional diagnosis may be “paranoia” the individual’s perception may be *“people are trying to take my money or possessions”.*
   2. Let’s start with you -Note a succinct summary of the individual their personality, history, understanding, their strengths, and overall development needs, their family structure, hobbies and interests, likes and dislikes. Any caring responsibilities, and record and refer if a carers assessment is required. Ensure to record current key challenges and issues and record any current safeguarding issues.
3. **Assessment domains**

Section 117 Aftercare services must meet a need arising from, or related to, the person’s mental condition. Aftercare needs aim to reduce the risk of the persons mental health condition worsening and therefore reduce the risk of them needing a further hospital admission.

Each of the domains 1 to 16 contain, A heading relating to the area of potential need with guidance notes. The domains relate to needs in the following areas; Psychological and Emotional, Behaviour, Cognition, Communication and Decision making, Medication and Symptom control, Eating and Drinking, Family Relationships, Maintaining Personal care, Maintaining the Home, Accessing essential community facilities, leisure, and social inclusion, Education and Occupation, Accommodation, Managing Finance, other section 117 aftercare needs not related to the above domains, co-existing conditions ( Record co-existing conditions not covered in previous domains), and identified and unmet non-section 117 needs (needs must be recorded but clearly marked not section 117 aftercare needs). **To note, where unmet needs are identified, a referral to the appropriate service must be made**

* + 1. Description of need - A description of the current need, where appropriate historical information, jointly, agreed desired outcomes and outcome measures regarding the individual’s personal goals or treatment needs.
    2. An assessment of the risks arising from the description of need.
    3. The individual’s and or carer views in respect of the needs and outcomes
    4. In box 6.18 a compilation of all the domain risks.

1. **Crisis plan**

A Joint crisis plan can be a statement agreed between the individual and health care professionals involved in your Care and treatment. This could include (not an exhaustive list):

* signs that you might be experiencing a crisis.
* what support you might be offered in a crisis.
* practical help you might need if you go into hospital, such as childcare arrangements.
* who you would want to be contacted?

1. **Individual or carers representative’s views.**

Record the individuals and or carers views of the overall needs identified in the assessment.

1. **Annual Health Assessment.**

From the drop-down box enter yes or no in respect of the individual having an annual health check. Make an appointment if the health check is required.

1. **Supporting information**

Supporting information is required by the joint agency quality assurance group, only supply information that relates to the needs/risks identified.

1. **Participant details.**

Ensure the individuals present at the assessment are included on the participant details form.

Assessment guidance notes

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