

NOTIFICATION TO PRIMARY CARER OF EMERGENCY SURGERY FOR AN INVOLUNTARY PATIENT

MENTAL HEALTH ACT, 2007 - SECTION 78(1)(f)

Dear

I am writing to you pursuant to section 78(1)(f) of the *Mental Health Act 2007* to advise of the performance of the following emergency surgical operation:

Patient's Given Name(s):

Patient's Surname:

Mental Health Facility where patient is detained:.....

Patient's Legal Status:

Nature of surgery:

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Reason why emergency:

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Date surgery performed:

Mental Health Facility or place where surgery was performed:

Assessment of outcome of surgery:

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I believed this surgery was necessary as a matter of urgency in order to save the patient's life or prevent serious damage to his or her health or prevent significant pain or distress. However in my opinion the patient was:

- incapable of giving consent
- capable of giving consent but had refused to do so
- capable of giving consent but had neither refused nor consented

I therefore consented to the surgery under section 99 of the *Mental Health Act 2007*.

If you have any questions about this or wish to discuss this matter further please contact

..... on

(Name and position)

(Telephone number)

Yours faithfully,

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(Name and position)

Date: