

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PSYCHIATRIST

**Your Rights Under the
Mental Health Act 1996**

You are entitled to:

- **Written and verbal information about your legal status, rights and entitlements;**
- **Copies of most of the orders made about you;**
- **An interview by a psychiatrist;**
- **Access to your medical records (this right may be restricted);**
- **Make a complaint to the hospital authorities, the Council of Official Visitors, the Chief Psychiatrist or the Mental Health Review Board;**
- **A second opinion from another psychiatrist;**
- **Ask questions and be fully informed about any treatment you are offered;**
- **Obtain legal advice (the Mental Health Law Centre provides free legal advice);**
- **Contact people by letter or phone and be visited (this right may be restricted);**
- **Use your personal possessions at the hospital;**

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WA

Contact Directory

Council of Official Visitors

Tel: 9226 3266 Fax: 9226 3977

Freecall: 1800 999 057

Health Consumers' Council

Tel: 9221 3422 Fax: 9221 5435

Freecall: 1800 620 780

Mental Health Law Centre

Tel: 9328 8266 Fax: 9328 8577

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Mental Health Review Board

Tel: 9219 3162

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Office of Health Review

Tel: 9426 0100 Fax: 9322 6848

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Office of the Chief Psychiatrist

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