Participate in consumer and carer consultation for a national scheme to recognise civil involuntary mental health orders

Closing date: 9am Monday, 26 February 2021

**Are you a consumer and carer with experience of moving between Queensland and other states and territories within Australia, or vice versa, whilst receiving civil involuntary mental health treatment?**

The National Mutual Recognition Project

Queensland’s Health Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs Branch, is hosting the National Mutual Recognition Project on behalf of the Commonwealth Mental Health Principal Committee. The project team is developing a national legislative scheme for the mutual recognition of civil involuntary mental health orders across Australian states and territories. In effect, this will mean that a civil mental health order made in Queensland will be automatically recognised in another state or territory, and vice versa.

**Civil Mental Health Orders** are orders that allow a person to be given treatment and care for their mental illness without their consent. In Queensland these orders are called treatment authorities but in other states and territories they have difference names such as treatment orders or care orders.

More information about treatment authorities is available at <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/clinical-practice/guidelines-procedures/clinical-staff/mental-health/act/topics/treatment-care>

**Purpose of the Consultation**

The project team is seeking feedback from consumer and carers on the proposed national scheme to inform how it will be set up and run. They will be holding similar consultations with consumers and carers in all states and territories within Australia.

The Consultation will focus on the practical implications of the proposed scheme, e.g:

* issues around setting it up and putting it in place
* thinking about any unintended consequences,
* any barriers or opportunities for the effective functioning of the scheme,
* how best to communicate information about the scheme

**Who is this for?**

This opportunity is for:

* people with a lived experience, as a consumer, of receiving involuntary mental health treatment while moving to or out or Queensland; and
* people who have a lived experience, as a carer for a consumer, of receiving involuntary mental health treatment while moving to or out of Queensland.

Time and location

**Participation will include one consultation session of up to two hours.**

Access to a computer and reliable internet service would be ideal as meetings will be held virtually.

Virtual meetings will be conducted via Microsoft Teams. Support to set up Microsoft Teams on devices and an overview of how to utilise the software can be provided to consumers and carer representatives if required.

Use of Microsoft Teams will ensure individuals from across the state are able to attend.

Remuneration and Support

Consumer and carer participants will be remunerated for their time in line with [Health Consumers Queensland’s remuneration position statement](http://www.hcq.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/Consumer-Remuneration-Rates-Dec-2015.pdf) at the rate of $40 per hour.

Consultation will be conducted via Microsoft Teams videoconference and therefore parking or travel expenses should not be incurred. However, should travel be required, they will be covered.

Sharing experiences of receiving, or supporting a person receiving, involuntary care may be distressing. Participants are encouraged to consider their need for a support person and where necessary ensure they have adequate support to engage in the consultation.

How to apply

**Please complete this consumer application form and return to****consumer@hcq.org.au**by 9am Monday, 26 February 2021**.**

For assistance please contact Health Consumers Queensland via consumer@hcq.org.au or by phone on 07 3012 9090.

**Consumer Application Form**

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Full name:

Preferred phone number:

Email:

Postal address:

Postcode:

* By completing this application, I consent for my details to be added to the Health Consumers Queensland network database YES | NO
* I would like to receive email updates from Health Consumers Queensland YES | NO
* Are you happy for Health Consumers Queensland to share this form with Queensland Health as part of the process for this application? YES | NO

Please highlight any group you identify as being a part of:

* Lived experience of mental illness and received treatment under the *Mental Health Act 2016* and/or other legislation authorising involuntary mental health treatment in Australian states and territories.
* Lived experience caring for someone with mental illness receiving treatment under the *Mental Health Act 2016* and/or other legislation authorising involuntary mental health treatment in Australian states and territories.
* Living with a disability/chronic condition
* Caring for someone with a disability
* Physically isolated or transport disadvantaged
* Culturally or linguistically diverse
* From a non-English speaking background
* LGBTIQ+

Do you identify as: Aboriginal | Torres Strait Islander | Both | Prefer not to state

Are you a: Consumer | Carer

Age range: 16-24 25-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60-69 70+

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| **Gender:** |  Male | Female | Intersex | Other | Prefer not to state |

*Your responses to the following questions only need to be a brief sentence or two*

1. Please describe any support you need to take part in this activity? *(For examples interpreters, mental health support person).*
2. **If you wish, please describe why you are interested in being involved in this consultation?** *Tip: Have you, or someone you cared for, moved between states or territories while receiving involuntary mental health care? Has the lack of recognition between state and territory mental health legislation impacted on your treatment and care?*