

MHA 125

Mental Health Act 2014
Section 348
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Notice of death

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Instructions to complete this form

- The person in charge of a mental health service provider¹ must ensure that the chief psychiatrist is notified in writing of the death of any person receiving mental health services from the mental health service provider that is a 'reportable death' within the meaning of section 4 of the *Coroners Act 2008* as soon as practicable after the person in charge becomes aware of the death.
- Complete all sections of this form including the circumstances of the death on page two.
- Please cross relevant check boxes in each part.

Consumer

Title: _____ First name: _____ Last name: _____
 Date of birth: (DD/MM/YYYY) _____ Statewide UR number: _____
 Gender: _____ Date of death: (DD/MM/YYYY) _____

Program

AMHS: _____
 AMHS campus: _____
 AMHS site: _____
 Service type: _____
 Clinical AMHS program: _____
 MHCSS provider name: _____

Circumstances of death

Likeliest mode of death: _____
 If suicide, likeliest mode: _____
 If Other, specify: _____

Describe any known psychological stressors in the last three months:

Where did death occur? _____
 Was death expected, unnatural or unexpected? _____
 Death to be referred to Coroner? _____
 Death to be referred to Sentinel Events Program? _____
 Registration status: _____
 Legal status: _____
 Date of last face-to-face contact: (DD/MM/YYYY) _____
 Date of inpatient separation: (DD/MM/YYYY) _____
 Date of last contact (any kind): (DD/MM/YYYY) _____
 Number of admissions in previous 12 months: _____
 ED presentation for self-harm in last 12 months? _____

¹ A 'mental health service provider' is:

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- a publicly funded mental health community support service.

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Psychiatric diagnosis established?

If Yes, provide details below

**Primary psychiatric diagnosis
– ICD-10 diagnosis and code**

Organic mental disorder

- Dementia, amnesic syndrome [F00–04]
- Delirium [F05]
- Other or unspecified mental or personality disorder due to brain damage or physical disease [F06–09]

Mental and behavioural disorders associated with psychoactive substance use

- Alcohol [F10]
- Opioids [F11]
- Cannabinoids [F12]
- Sedatives, hypnotics [F13]
- Cocaine, stimulants [F14–15]
- Tobacco [F17]
- Hallucinogens, other substances [F16, F18]
- Multiple or unknown substances [F19]

Schizophrenia, schizotypal and delusional disorders

- Schizophrenia, schizotypal, delusional disorder [F20–22]
- Acute, transient or induced psychosis [F23–24]
- Schizoaffective disorder [F25]
- Other or unspecified psychosis [F28–29]

Mood disorders

- Manic episode [F30]
- Bipolar episode [F31]
- Depressive episode or recurrent or persistent depressive disorder [F32–34]
- Other or unspecified mood disorder [F38–39]

Neurotic, stress-related and somatoform disorders

- Phobia [F40]
- Panic, generalised anxiety or mixed or other anxiety disorder [F41]
- Obsessive-compulsive disorder [F42]
- Reaction to severe stress, post-traumatic or adjustment disorder [F43]
- Dissociative or somatoform disorder [F44–45]
- Other neurotic disorder [F48]

Behavioural syndromes associated with physiological disturbances and physical factors

- Eating disorders [F50]
- Nonorganic sleep disorder or sexual dysfunction [F51–52]
- Puerperal mental disorder not classified elsewhere [F53]
- Other or unspecified behavioural condition [F54–55, F59]

Disorders of adult personality and behaviour

- Specific, mixed or other personality disorder not due to brain damage [F60–62]
- Habit and impulse disorders [F63]
- Disorders of gender identity, sexual preference, development or orientation [F64–66]
- Other or unspecified disorders of adult personality or behaviour [F68–69]

Intellectual disability

- Intellectual disability [F70–79]

Disorders of psychological development

- Specific or mixed developmental disorder [F80–83]
- Pervasive developmental disorder [F84]
- Other or unspecified developmental disorders [F88–89]

Behavioural and emotional disorders with onset usually occurring in childhood and adolescence

- Behavioural and emotional disorders with onset usually occurring in childhood and adolescence [F90–98]

**Secondary psychiatric diagnosis
– ICD-10 diagnosis and code**

Select as many as apply

None

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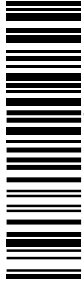
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Medical diagnosis being treated or warranting treatment

- Cancer
- Diabetes mellitus
- Dyslipidemia
- Hypertension
- Obesity
- Other Specify:

Medication

Psychotropic medication (inc. dose):

[Empty text box for psychotropic medication]

Non psychotropic medication (inc. dose):

[Empty text box for non psychotropic medication]

History

Describe the psychiatric history and response to previous treatments and supports:

[Large empty text box for psychiatric history]

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Describe the most recent presentation to the service:

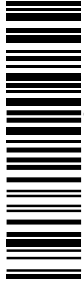
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Describe the treatment plan in the time leading up to the death:

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Describe the circumstances leading up and surrounding the death:

[Large empty box for describing the circumstances leading up and surrounding the death]

Report details

Report author: _____ Designation: _____

Name of Authorised Psychiatrist/MHCSS Manager _____

Title: _____ First name: _____ Last name: _____

Report approved by Authorised Psychiatrist/MHCSS Manager on: (DD/MM/YYYY) _____



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Next steps

After completing this form:

- **send** this **MHA 125 – Notice of death** to the Authorised Psychiatrist of your service
- **Authorised Psychiatrist** must forward the **completed MHA 125 – Notice of death** to the Chief Psychiatrist within three (3) business days by email:
 - ocp@dhhs.vic.gov.au

In addition, an authorised psychiatrist or delegate must:

- **notify** the Chief Psychiatrist about the death of any inpatient as soon as practicable but not more than 24 hours after the death
- **send** a copy this **MHA 125 – Notice of death** to:
 - the Secretary to the Department of Justice in the case of the death of a **security patient**
 - the Secretary to the Department of Health in the case of the death of a **forensic patient**.

For further information contact the Chief Psychiatrist on 1300 767 299.

Notes

An inpatient is defined for notification purposes as any person, regardless of legal status, who:

- has been admitted to a mental health inpatient unit
- is on approved leave from an inpatient unit
- has absconded from an inpatient unit
- has been transferred to a non-psychiatric ward during an admission to a mental health inpatient unit
- has been discharged from a mental health inpatient unit within the previous 24 hours.

For community-resident persons who were registered as mental health consumers within the three months prior to death, or who had sought service from a mental health provider within that period and not been provided with service, notification is required if:

- the death was unexpected, unnatural or violent
- the person was a patient under the Mental Health Act.

Expected deaths due to natural causes of persons not under the Mental Health Act are not reportable.



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Available at the [Chief Psychiatrist guidelines – Reportable deaths web page](https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/about/key-staff/chief-psychiatrist/chief-psychiatrist-guidelines/reportable-deaths) <<https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/about/key-staff/chief-psychiatrist/chief-psychiatrist-guidelines/reportable-deaths>>

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