

Requirement for SCR

Which "relevant event" has triggered the need to consider completing an SCR?

- the granting of a short-term detention certificate
- the making of an interim compulsory treatment order
- the making of a compulsory treatment order
- the making of an assessment order
- the making of a treatment order
- the making of an interim compulsion order
- the making of a compulsion order
- the making of a hospital direction
- the making of a transfer for treatment direction

This event occurred on: Date / /

Note: if you are preparing an SCR for an event that is not listed above, then you should not use this form

A social circumstances report must be prepared within 21 days of any of the above relevant events occurring, unless it would serve little or no practical purpose. Have you concluded that a social circumstances report should be prepared?

- Yes - an SCR following guidelines set out on page 3 is attached
- No - for the reasons stated below, preparing an SCR would serve little or no purpose:

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Signature / Date

Signed by the MHO

Date / /

A copy of this form should be sent to the patient's RMO and the Mental Welfare Commission.



Guidance on content of SCR

The SCR should be attached to this form. Please comment on the following factors where they are relevant and appropriate to the personal circumstances of the patient:

the reasons behind the use of the compulsory powers;

the views of patient with respect to the use of compulsory powers;

if the patient is unable to give a view, and only if available to the MHO, the views of the patient's named person, carer, guardian, and welfare attorney with respect to the use of compulsory powers;

the patient's current state of mental health;

the patient's current state of physical health;

the patient's mental health history;

an assessment of risk of harm to patient and to others;

the patient's personal history including details of employment, finances and accommodation prior to the use of compulsory powers;

details of the family situation, including whether the patient has children, dependents and caring responsibilities;

details of the patient's regular social contacts: e.g. supportive friends, involvement with voluntary organisations, church attendance etc;

the patient's ability to care for him/herself;

the care being provided to the patient prior to the use of compulsory powers taking place;

any matters which could require the local authority to inquire under section 33 of the Act;

any alternatives to the use of compulsory powers which were considered and ruled out;

the patient's history of offending, including any consideration of victims and/or those affected;

the patient's history of substance misuse, if any;

any relevant ethnic, cultural and religious factors;

whether the patient has difficulty in communicating; and.

the care planning which has been put in place to deal with any of the above issues.

