

## Safe Transport and Transfer of Care of Country Mental Health Patients Flowchart

A plan for transfer to an appropriate psychiatric unit or Regional Resource Centre (RRC) has been determined in consultation with the local mental health service as per the Screening and Assessment of Mental Health Patients in WACHS Hospitals Flow Chart and is in accordance with the MHA (2014) and any local procedures (refer to the MHA (2014) Flow Chart for Medical Practitioners for further information). Determine mode of transport for transfer according to risk assessment and in consultation with the treating psychiatrist St John Ambulance **RFDS** Commercial airline Health Service vehicle Private transport **CAPACITY TO ACCEPT** THE PATIENT IS TO BE CONFIRMED WITH THE RECEIVING **FACILITY PRIOR TO BOOKING RFDS** Clinician and/or Police Escort organised as required Patient prepared for transport as per guidelines. Referrer to advise receiving facility prior to departure and confirm any requirements for admission to ICU All related patient information including assessment, patient history and relevant MHA forms are to be communicated to the receiving facility in accordance with the WA Health Clinical Handover Policy and utilising the iSoBAR structure Patient received by psychiatric facility or RRC

Discharge planning commences in partnership with referrer and / or Community Mental Health Team considering:

- · goals of inpatient admission
- · safe and timely return home
- involvement of family and other supports

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