

COMMITTED TO CHANGE: REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

MENTAL HEALTH ACT INVOLUNTARY ADMISSIONS

WHAT WE EXAMINED: WERE LEGAL SAFEGUARDS FOLLOWED UPON ADMISSION?

2016/17

15,000 approx.
**INVOLUNTARILY
ADMITTED & TREATED
PATIENTS
IN BC FACILITIES**

70%

**INCREASE IN
LAST 10 YEARS**

HOW PATIENT RIGHTS ARE PROTECTED

Facilities are required to complete a set of legal forms on admission that show:

- Detention criteria met
- Consent to treatment obtained
- Notification of rights given
- Relatives notified

DETENTION CRITERIA

- Mental disorder & require treatment
- Substantial deterioration or risk of harm to self or others
- Can't be admitted voluntarily



WHAT WE FOUND

HIGH LEVELS OF NON-COMPLIANCE



**EXTRAORDINARY
STATE POWER WITH
LITTLE OVERSIGHT OR
ACCOUNTABILITY**

No Consent for
Treatment form on
24%
of patient files

No Notification of
Rights form on
51%
of patient files

FACILITIES COMPLETED ALL 5 REQUIRED FORMS

**ONLY
28%
OF THE TIME**

WE RECOMMEND

- 1 Regular auditing, annual performance targets, improved records management, and increased public reporting
- 2 Provincial standards and guidance with mandatory training
- 3 Independent rights advice service

**ALL 24
RECOMMENDATIONS
ACCEPTED**

