

PACT Team (Police and Crisis Response Team)

Consists of two teams, a day team and an evening team. Monday through Friday.

Is a secondary response team that can assist regular RCMP members, to try to prevent unnecessary hospital visits, and RCMP members time. Will attend with police if it is safe to do so to try and gauge the necessary course of action. Can follow up with individuals that RCMP members have contact with and feel that they need supports.

Provide service mainly to Red Deer City; provide education to unsure family members, through community resources. Well known in the community through presentations, conferences. Have partnerships with community agencies such as shelters, mental health and addictions. Outside agencies can call into PACT if they need assistance. Community members can call into PACT in situations that are not urgent "slow burn" if the matter is urgent it needs to be called into 911.

The psych nurses in PACT have access to "Netcare" the Alberta hospital records database. Shows the previous places of treatment, any contact with specialist's such as a psychiatrist, previous medication (illegal and legal). Does not show all information due to systems still using paper copy in hospitals and institutions.

Community Treatment Order (CTO)

A formal patient is forced to be there, usually through the doctor. Informal patient agrees to be there.

Can be voluntary or forced through the use of form 23. CTO's can be recalled through form 23 where the police can track down the individual. Recalls are usually filled out by a psychiatrist then sent to the police. Recalls are done in response to the individual not attending appointments or taking their meds.

Injections are usually done at Mental Health, unless there are risks which they can be administered at the hospital by a psych nurse accompanied by security and police or at their home. Injections usually happen every few weeks or by the end of the month depending on how long the antipsychotic curbs their mental illness.

Form #23- Community Treatment Order Apprehension Order

Most Common Forms

Form #1- Admission Certificate

Allows the hospital to hold the individual for up to 30 days. Requires two different assessments by different doctors. The second assessment must be completed within 24 hours of the first if not it is void and the process starts over. The individual being held has the right to appeal the decision. If the individual goes to the hospital staff and wants to leave they can unless there are grounds.

Form #2-Renewal Certificate

On the 30th day, two doctors re-evaluate. One evaluation is done by the psychiatrist.

Form #3- Order to Return a Formal Patient to facility

If a formal patient AWOL's from the facility this form are issues to the RCMP to find them and return them to the hospital.

If the client has privileges they will only hold the bed for a few days while looking for them.

Form #4- Certificate of Transfer into Alberta

Issue to another province, to keep watch on the individual. Very circumstantial such as cases where they have resources. Not commonly used.

Form #6- Memorandum of Transfer into another Facility

The individual needs to be medically cleared by a doctor before transferred.

Form #7-Information

Filled out in addition to form #8. Family members/ friends can provide information and details requiring their perceptions and worry's for their family members. They will appear in court before a judge to try and get a form #8 issued.

Form #8- Warrant

Go before a judge with a form #7, provides details about their loved one. If the judge approves it the form is sent to the RCMP in which the RCMP is required to apprehend and take them to the hospital regardless of the individual's presentation. The accountability/ grounds of police action are dismissed.

Negative aspect is that the family members/ friends can say anything and the judge decides if it is truth or not.

Form #10- Apprehensions by the Police

If the subject is under a CTO or danger to themselves or others. Used as a last resort. Under the Mental Health Act it is the only time the police can arrest the subject.

Form #12-Application for Review Panel Hearing

Individuals have the right to appeal decisions made. Go before a panel made up of doctors and lawyers. The individual and doctors give their "evidence" and the panel decides to grant the appeal or not.

