

# SEANAD ÉIREANN

## AN BILLE MEABHAIR-SHLÁINTE, 2024 LEASUITHE COISTE

### MENTAL HEALTH BILL 2024 COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

#### *Leasuithe Breise Additional Amendments*

#### SECTION 13

**52b.** In page 26, between lines 2 and 3, to insert the following:

#### **“Report on right to independent advocacy**

- 13.** Within nine months of the passing of this Act the Minister shall lay before both Houses of the Oireachtas a report outlining how a right to independent advocacy can be guaranteed to all patients and their caregivers.”.

—*Senator Victor Boyhan.*

#### SECTION 25

**73a** In page 38, to delete lines 24 and 25 and substitute the following:

- “(3) A notice under *subsection (2)* shall include a statement in writing and in a form and language that may reasonably be understood by him or her, to the effect that the involuntarily admitted person—”.

—*Senator Frances Black.*

**73b** In page 38, line 28, after “admission,” to insert the following:

- “including adequate information in a form and language that the person can understand on the nature, purpose, likely effects and potential side-effects of the treatment concerned,”.

—*Senator Frances Black.*

#### SECTION 41

**104a** In page 58, to delete lines 31 to 41, and in page 59, to delete lines 1 to 4, and substitute the following:

- “(a) if a review under *section 32* has commenced, it shall be continued unless the person requests by notice in writing addressed to the Commission that it not be completed,
- (b) within 48 hours of the date and time scheduled for the hearing of the review of the detention by the review board, the person may proceed with the scheduled

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review unless he or she requests by notice in writing addressed to the Commission that it not be completed, or

- (c) if a review has not then commenced, it shall be held unless the person, the subject of the order revoking the involuntary admission requests by notice in writing addressed to the Commission that he or she wishes such a review to be held.”.

—*Senator Frances Black.*

SECTION 42

**104b** In page 59, line 36, after “admission,” to insert the following:

“and that consent in this case means consent of the person obtained freely without threats or inducements where adequate information in a form and language that the person can understand on the nature, purpose and likely effects and potential side-effects of the treatment concerned has been given to the person,”

—*Senator Frances Black.*

**104c** In page 59, line 38, after “procedure,” to insert the following:

“including adequate information in a form and language that the person can understand on the nature, purpose, likely effects and potential side-effects of the treatment concerned,”.

—*Senator Frances Black.*

SECTION 74

**246a** In page 84, line 29, after “admission,” to insert the following:

“including adequate information in a form and language that the person can understand on the nature, purpose, likely effects and potential side-effects of the treatment concerned,”.

—*Senator Frances Black.*

**247a** In page 84, line 37, after “*Chapter 3*,” to insert the following:

“consent in this case means consent of the person obtained freely without threats or inducements where adequate information in a form and language that the person can understand on the nature, purpose and likely effects and potential side-effects of the treatment concerned has been given to the person,”.

—*Senator Frances Black.*