Admission of Prisoner to Hospital

Information for Hospital Staff

Prison

The following rules are applicable to any prisoner admitted to hospital under a contract without a guard.

1. Prisoners are to obey all the rules of the hospital and its staff.

2. Whilst on remand and admitted to hospital, a prisoner is still effectively held in custody and subject to all provisions of the *Prisons Act 1981* and Prison Regulations 1982.

3. Whilst under sentence the prisoner is still undergoing a term of imprisonment and for the courts intention to be realised, the hospital is an extension of the prison. Accordingly the prisoner is still subject to prison discipline and all provisions of the *Prisons Act 1981* and Prison Regulations 1982 and shall be charged with escaping legal custody if leaving the hospital premises without permission first being granted by the Superintendent or Officer in Charge of the Prison.

4. Prisoners are not to receive visitors without prior permission of the Superintendent or Officer in Charge of the prison.

5. No information about the prisoner is to be given to any person other than to the Superintendent or Officer in Charge of each respective prison.

6. Prisoners are not permitted to leave the ward, unless it is deemed that the taking of sun or fresh air is necessary for therapeutic reasons and approved by hospital staff. Prisoners are to remain within hospital grounds in close proximity to the hospital entrance, or as otherwise directed by hospital staff.

7. Prisoners are not permitted in the hospital car park.

8. Prisoners are not permitted to make or receive phone calls without prior permission of the Superintendent or Officer in Charge of the prison.

9. Prisoners are not permitted to consume alcohol.

10. Prisoners are only permitted to consume drugs prescribed by the hospital medical staff.

11. Prisoners are not permitted to be in possession of cash money.

12. Prisoners are not permitted to carry out financial transactions with the hospital staff.

13. Prisoners are only permitted to be dressed in either hospital or prison issue pyjamas and/or dressing gowns throughout their terms of admission. Prison issue clothing must be returned to the prison via the escorting officer.

14. Photographs of prisoner patients in hospital are not permitted without approval given by the Superintendent or Officer in Charge of the prison.

15. Upon discharge, all confidential medical information, appointment cards and related letters should be handed to the escorting officer and marked to the attention of the medical records officer at the receiving prison.
Contact Details

Prison:
24 Hour Contact Number:
Superintendent/ Officer in Charge:
Alternative Contact:

Hospital staff are requested to contact the prison immediately to notify any of the following:

Death

The prison is to be contacted immediately. As with all deaths in custody, WA Police will investigate the death. The Superintendent/OIC of the prison is responsible for notifying WA Police.

The area where the prisoner is being held will be considered a crime scene by the investigating officers of the WA Police. As best as is possible, the area should be secured until the WA Police arrive.

Escape

In the event that a prisoner leaves the hospital or the hospital grounds the Superintendent/OIC at the prison is to be notified as soon as the absence is identified. The Superintendent/OIC will notify the WA Police.

Misconduct

In the event that a prisoner on a contract becomes abusive, threatening or in any manner disruptive to the operations of the hospital the Superintendent/OIC is to be contacted. The prison will send officers to manage the situation.

General

The hospital is to advise the Superintendent/OIC if they are of the view that the prisoner's health has deteriorated, may not survive or if they have the view that death is imminent.