

Mental Health listing of applicable statutory regulation, codes of practice, standards or quality assurance programmes for all Service Arrangements.

*This listing is provided as an aid to Providers in accessing the pertinent statutory regulation, codes of practice, standards and quality assurance programmes applicable under the Service Arrangement. It is not an exhaustive listing and Providers must ensure that they have adequate systems in place to identify and comply with all their legal, regulatory and professional responsibilities with regards codes of practice, standards and quality assurance requirements in the delivery of the services. Where HSE specific policies, standards or codes are included, the Provider must ensure it has equivalent standards /policies /codes in place which reflect the principles outlined, in a manner relevant to the Provider's individual structures.*

**Revised for 2026 (New/Updated Documents)**

| Name of Document                                                                                    | Web Link                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <b>Documentation referred to under the Generic heading is available on a separate document list</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Child Care Acts 1991 – 2013                                                                         | Child Care Act, 1991 - <a href="http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/1991/en/act/pub/0017/index.html">http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/1991/en/act/pub/0017/index.html</a><br>Child Care (Amendment) Act, 2007 - <a href="http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/pdf/2007/en.act.2007.0026.pdf">http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/pdf/2007/en.act.2007.0026.pdf</a><br>Child Care (Amendment) Act, 2011 - <a href="http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/pdf/2011/en.act.2011.0019.PDF">http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/pdf/2011/en.act.2011.0019.PDF</a><br>Child Care (Amendment) Act, 2013 - <a href="http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2013/en/act/pub/0005/index.html">http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2013/en/act/pub/0005/index.html</a> |
| Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services – Standard Operating Procedure (June 2015)                | <a href="https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/4/mental-health-services/camhs/publications/">https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/4/mental-health-services/camhs/publications/</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice (Tusla)                              | <a href="https://www.tusla.ie/children-first/support-documents/">https://www.tusla.ie/children-first/support-documents/</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Children First – National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017                  | <a href="https://www.tusla.ie/children-first/children-first-guidance-and-legislation/">https://www.tusla.ie/children-first/children-first-guidance-and-legislation/</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Children's Act 2001                                                                                 | <a href="http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2001/en/act/pub/0024/index.html">http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2001/en/act/pub/0024/index.html</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Code of Practice – Processing Personal Data under Health Repayment Scheme Act 2006                  | Contact National Compliance Unit – Non Statutory Services at <a href="mailto:bsu.nonstatagencies@hse.ie">bsu.nonstatagencies@hse.ie</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| Guidance on Quality and Safety Notifications<br>Mental Health Commission – 2024                                                            | <a href="https://www.mhcirl.ie/sites/default/files/2024-09/MHC_QSNGuidance_September2024.pdf">https://www.mhcirl.ie/sites/default/files/2024-09/MHC_QSNGuidance_September2024.pdf</a>                                                                     |
| Code of Practice on the Use of Physical Restraint Issued Pursuant to Section 33(3)(e) of the Mental Health Act 2001-2018. (September 2022) | <a href="https://www.mhcirl.ie/sites/default/files/2023-05/MHC_REVISED_Code%20Restraint_Final.pdf">https://www.mhcirl.ie/sites/default/files/2023-05/MHC_REVISED_Code%20Restraint_Final.pdf</a>                                                           |
| Code of Practice Governing the Use of Electro-Convulsive Therapy for Voluntary Patients (MHC 2016)                                         | <a href="https://www.mhcirl.ie/sites/default/files/2021-01/Code%20of%20Practice%20on%20the%20Use%20of%20Electro-Convulsive.pdf">https://www.mhcirl.ie/sites/default/files/2021-01/Code%20of%20Practice%20on%20the%20Use%20of%20Electro-Convulsive.pdf</a> |
| Code of Practice Relating to Admission of Children under the Mental Health Act 2001 (MHC 2006) *Note See Addendum below                    | <a href="https://www.mhcirl.ie/sites/default/files/2021-06/Addendum-to-admission-children-2011.pdf">https://www.mhcirl.ie/sites/default/files/2021-06/Addendum-to-admission-children-2011.pdf</a>                                                         |
| Addendum to the Code of Practice Relating to Admission of Children under the Mental Health Act 2001 (MHC 2009)                             | <a href="https://www.mhcirl.ie/sites/default/files/2021-06/Addendum-to-admission-children-2011.pdf">https://www.mhcirl.ie/sites/default/files/2021-06/Addendum-to-admission-children-2011.pdf</a>                                                         |

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| Code of Practice on Admission, Transfer and Discharge to and from an Approved Centre (MHC 2009)                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <a href="https://www.mhcirl.ie/sites/default/files/2021-01/COP_ATD.pdf">https://www.mhcirl.ie/sites/default/files/2021-01/COP_ATD.pdf</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Code of Practice – Guidance for Persons Working in Mental Health Services with People with Intellectual Disabilities (MHC 2009)                                                                                                                                                                           | <a href="https://www.lenus.ie/handle/10147/336152">https://www.lenus.ie/handle/10147/336152</a><br><i>This document can be accessed via the Mental Health Committee Website (As it has been archived it can be found using the search facility).</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse (Amendment) Act 2005                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <a href="http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2005/en/act/pub/0017/index.html">http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2005/en/act/pub/0017/index.html</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Connecting for Life – National Strategy to Reduce Suicide 2015-2020                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <a href="https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/4/mental-health-services/connecting-for-life/">https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/4/mental-health-services/connecting-for-life/</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p><b><u>COVID-19</u></b></p> <p>The HSE, HPSC, HIQA, and Government are managing guidance and reporting requirements for providers for Covid through web pages.</p> <p>Service Providers must keep themselves informed and up to date by accessing websites and documents listed in the next column.</p> | <p><b><u>HSE</u></b> : HSE Guidance and Resources for Service Providers for COVID-19 are available on:<br/> <a href="https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/news/newsfeatures/covid19-updates/partner-resources">https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/news/newsfeatures/covid19-updates/partner-resources</a></p> <p><b><u>HPSC</u></b>: We recommend that services access the National Public Health Guidance for COVID-19 on <a href="http://www.hpsc.ie">www.hpsc.ie</a> for the most up to date information on infection prevention and control available at:</p> <p><a href="https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/guidance">https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/guidance</a></p> |

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| Criminal Law (Insanity) Act, 2010                                                                                       | <a href="http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2010/en/act/pub/0040/print.html">http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2010/en/act/pub/0040/print.html</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Criminal Justice (Withholding of Information on Offences Against Children and Vulnerable Persons) Act, 2012             | <a href="http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2012/act/24/enacted/en/html">http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2012/act/24/enacted/en/html</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Domestic Violence Act 1996 - 2018                                                                                       | Domestic Violence Act, 1996 - <a href="http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/1996/en/act/pub/0001/index.html">http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/1996/en/act/pub/0001/index.html</a><br>Domestic Violence (Amendment) Act, 2002 - <a href="http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2002/en/act/pub/0030/index.html">http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2002/en/act/pub/0030/index.html</a><br>Domestic Violence Act, 2018 - <a href="http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2018/act/6/enacted/en/html">http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2018/act/6/enacted/en/html</a>                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Health (Repayment Scheme) Act 2006                                                                                      | <a href="http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2006/en/act/pub/0017/index.html">http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2006/en/act/pub/0017/index.html</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Individual Care Planning Mental Health Services – Guidance Document (MHC April 2012)                                    | <a href="https://www.lenus.ie/entities/publication/cb443c8c-f984-4a0a-9784-ba47b369fa29">https://www.lenus.ie/entities/publication/cb443c8c-f984-4a0a-9784-ba47b369fa29</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Service Users – Guidance for Staff Working in Mental Health Services (GLEN 2013) | <a href="https://www.lenus.ie/handle/10147/313611">https://www.lenus.ie/handle/10147/313611</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Mental Health Acts 2001 – 2013                                                                                          | Mental Health Act, 2001 - <a href="http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/pdf/2001/en.act.2001.0025.pdf">http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/pdf/2001/en.act.2001.0025.pdf</a><br>Mental Health Act, 2008 - <a href="http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/pdf/2008/en.act.2008.0019.pdf">http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/pdf/2008/en.act.2008.0019.pdf</a><br>Mental Health (Amendment) Act, 2018 – <a href="http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2018/act/10/enacted/en/html">http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2018/act/10/enacted/en/html</a><br>Mental Health (Renewal Orders) Act, 2018 - <a href="http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2018/act/23/enacted/en/html">http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2018/act/23/enacted/en/html</a> |
| National Policy and Procedure for Safeguarding Vulnerable Persons at Risk of Abuse December 2014                        | <a href="https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/socialcare/safeguardingvulnerableadults/safeguardingvuladts.html">https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/socialcare/safeguardingvulnerableadults/safeguardingvuladts.html</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| National Standards for Children’s Residential Centres 2001                                                              | <a href="http://health.gov.ie/blog/publications/national-standards-for-childrens-residential-centres/">http://health.gov.ie/blog/publications/national-standards-for-childrens-residential-centres/</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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| National Standards for Special Care Units (HIQA) November 2014                                           | <a href="https://www.hiqa.ie/reports-and-publications/standard/national-standards-special-care-units">https://www.hiqa.ie/reports-and-publications/standard/national-standards-special-care-units</a>                                                                                           |
| National Standards for the Protection and Welfare of Children (HIQA) July 2012                           | <a href="https://www.hiqa.ie/reports-and-publications/standard/national-standards-protection-and-welfare-children">https://www.hiqa.ie/reports-and-publications/standard/national-standards-protection-and-welfare-children</a>                                                                 |
| National Standards for Safer Better Healthcare (HIQA) June 2012                                          | <a href="https://www.hiqa.ie/reports-and-publications/standard/national-standards-safer-better-healthcare">https://www.hiqa.ie/reports-and-publications/standard/national-standards-safer-better-healthcare</a>                                                                                 |
| Ombudsman for Children Act 2002                                                                          | <a href="http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2002/en/act/pub/0022/index.html">http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2002/en/act/pub/0022/index.html</a>                                                                                                                                                     |
| Policy on Protecting HSE Staff from Second Hand Smoke in Domestic Settings (Nov 2014)                    | <a href="https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/tobaccocontrol/shspolicy/">https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/tobaccocontrol/shspolicy/</a>                                                                                                                                                             |
| Policy on Domestic, Sexual & Gender Based Violence (HSE 2010)                                            | <a href="https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/primarycare/socialinclusion/about-social-inclusion/researchreports/resources-for-domestic-violence.html">https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/primarycare/socialinclusion/about-social-inclusion/researchreports/resources-for-domestic-violence.html</a> |
| Protection of Children (Hague Convention) Act 2000                                                       | <a href="http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2000/en/act/pub/0037/index.html">http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2000/en/act/pub/0037/index.html</a>                                                                                                                                                     |
| Protection of Persons Reporting Child Abuse Act 1998                                                     | <a href="http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/1998/en/act/pub/0049/index.html">http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/1998/en/act/pub/0049/index.html</a>                                                                                                                                                     |
| The National Quality Framework: Driving Excellence in Mental Health Services (2023)                      | <a href="https://www.mhcirl.ie/sites/default/files/2023-10/MHC_The%20National%20Quality%20Framework.pdf">https://www.mhcirl.ie/sites/default/files/2023-10/MHC_The%20National%20Quality%20Framework.pdf</a>                                                                                     |
| Reducing Harm, Supporting Recovery: A Health-Led Response to Drug and Alcohol use in Ireland 2017 – 2025 | <a href="https://health.gov.ie/blog/publications/reducing-harm-supporting-recovery-2017-2025/">https://health.gov.ie/blog/publications/reducing-harm-supporting-recovery-2017-2025/</a>                                                                                                         |
| Rules Governing the Use of Electro-Convulsive Therapy (MHC 2016)                                         | <a href="https://www.mhcirl.ie/sites/default/files/2021-01/Rules%20Governing%20the%20Use%20of%20Electro-Convulsive%20Therapy.pdf">https://www.mhcirl.ie/sites/default/files/2021-01/Rules%20Governing%20the%20Use%20of%20Electro-Convulsive%20Therapy.pdf</a>                                   |

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| Rules Governing the Use of Seclusion Issued Pursuant to Section 69(2) of the Mental Health Act 2001-2018. (Sep 2022)           | <a href="https://www.mhcirl.ie/sites/default/files/2022-09/MHC_REVISED%20RULES_Seclusion.pdf">https://www.mhcirl.ie/sites/default/files/2022-09/MHC_REVISED%20RULES_Seclusion.pdf</a>                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Second National Strategy on Domestic, Sexual and Gender Based Violence 2016 – 2020                                             | <a href="https://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/Second-National-Strategy-on-Domestic-Sexual-and-Gender-based-Violence-2016-2021">https://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/Second-National-Strategy-on-Domestic-Sexual-and-Gender-based-Violence-2016-2021</a>                                                                                                       |
| Sharing the Vision - A Mental Health Policy for Everyone                                                                       | <a href="https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/mentalhealth/sharing-the-vision/sharing-the-vision.html?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI_oPhkoPn-gIVKYBQBh3vxww0EAAYASAAEgJCefD_BwE&amp;gclsrc=aw.ds">https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/mentalhealth/sharing-the-vision/sharing-the-vision.html?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI_oPhkoPn-gIVKYBQBh3vxww0EAAYASAAEgJCefD_BwE&amp;gclsrc=aw.ds</a> |
| S.I. No 551 of 2006 Mental Health Act (Approved Centres) Regulations 2006                                                      | <a href="http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2006/en/si/0551.html">http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2006/en/si/0551.html</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| S.I. No 550 of 2006 Mental Health Act (Authorised Officers) Regulations 2006                                                   | <a href="http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2006/en/si/0550.html">http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2006/en/si/0550.html</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| S.I. No 94/2018 Health (Residential Support Services Maintenance and Accommodation Contributions) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 | <a href="http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2018/si/94/made/en/print">http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2018/si/94/made/en/print</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Share the Vision – A Mental Health Policy for everyone                                                                         | <a href="https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/mentalhealth/sharing-the-vision/">https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/mentalhealth/sharing-the-vision/</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Cooperation with annual visits/inspections by the Inspectorate of Mental Health Services                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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