

PROCEDURE FOR THE TRANSPORT OF PERSONS BY GARDAI IN CORK CITY DIVISION TO HSE FACILITIES ON BOTH AN INVOLUNTARY/VOLUNTARY BASIS.

In relation to the above please be advised that in situations where it becomes necessary for Gardai to convey persons to hospitals/medical facilities/ emergency departments within the division the following procedures are to be adhered to:

HSE staff are to be advised in advance of the arrival of Gardaí and briefed in so far as possible as to the medical condition of the subject as well as the circumstances of how the subject came to be in the care or custody of An Garda Síochana the following procedures are to be adopted.

The onus of notifying the relevant medical facility rests is to be conducted as follows:

1. Persons in custody – member in charge of the relevant station.
2. Persons not being committed involuntary under the MHA but being transported on a voluntary basis - member in charge of the relevant station.
3. Persons not in custody but requiring medical attention – RCR Anglesea St.

Incident Type	Brought To Station	Assessment of GP	Action Taken	Garda Transport	Garda Obligation at Hospital
Person arrested under s12 Mental Health Act.	Yes	Involuntary Admission	GP faxes necessary documentation to HSE. Once checked GP provides clinical letter to Garda for HSE Staff. GP to notify HSE unit of arrival of Gardai.	Yes	Remain at Hospital with person until brief assessment is completed by doctor
		Person arrested agrees to attend voluntarily	Release	Only in exceptional circumstances	Remain at Hospital with person until triage is complete
		Person not being certified but GP identifies a 'duty of care' issue regarding physical well being	GP to complete assessment	If Requested by GP	Remain at Hospital with person until brief assessment is completed by doctor
Person In Custody and fitness to be interviewed to be assessed	Yes	If mentally unfit GP to assess as above. GP to consult with an approved centre and	If deemed unfit on account of mental capacity procedure to be followed as above. (s12 Involuntary)	Yes	Remain at Hospital with person until brief assessment is completed by staff

		consult with on call psychiatrist			
		If physically unfit	GP faxes necessary documentation to HSE. Once checked GP provides clinical letter to Garda for HSE Staff. RCR Anglesea St to notify HSE unit of arrival of Gardai	Yes	Remain at Hospital with person until treatment is completed
Person not arrested and not presenting an immediate risk (ie elderly person confused)	No		Ambulance service to be contacted and provided with as much information as possible regarding the reasons for intervening with individual	No	
			Ambulance service not available	Yes. Emergency Department to be contacted in advance of arrival	Remain at Hospital with person until triage is complete

These procedures have been agreed with HSE personnel with a view to reducing the times Gardai are required to spend at hospitals having arrived there with persons in their custody/care.

Under no circumstances should Garda members leave the hospital without having consulted with HSE staff and committing that person to the care of HSE staff.