**Bedfordshire and Luton S140 Agreement**

Agreement under s140 Mental Health Act 1983

Guidance for admissions in situations of Special Urgency

This agreement is between Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes (BLMK) Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Bedford Borough Council (BBC), Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC), and Luton Borough Council (LBC) local authorities.

Other signatories to this agreement are:

East London Foundation Trust (ELFT) NHS MH Trust

Bedfordshire Police

East of England Ambulance Service (EEAST)

This agreement is part of the local S140 agreement.

**Background to this guidance**

CCGs and local authorities are responsible for commissioning mental health services to meet the needs of their areas. Under S140 of the MHA 1983, CCGs have a duty to notify Local Social Services Authorities (LSSAs) in their areas of arrangements which are in force for the reception of patients in cases of special urgency or the provision of appropriate accommodation or facilities specifically designed for patients under the age of 18.

The S140 Policy – Guidance for admissions in cases of Special Urgency, has been produced to inform staff and organisations of:

* The specific hospital beds that the CCG has identified to receive people who have been detained to hospital under the MHA 1983 and are in special urgency
* What the definition of special urgency is
* The procedure that AMHPs should follow if they feel they are dealing with a case which is of special urgency
* The procedure that ELFT NHS Mental Health Trust will apply where they are notified a bed is required in special urgency.

**Who needs to be aware of and comply with the guidance?**

* Council and other staff undertaking the role of an AMHP
* NHS Trust staff with responsibility for bed management, sourcing beds and those trained to accept applications for admission under the MHA
* CCGs covering the BLMK area
* Health and social care commissioners
* Police officers
* Emergency duty teams
* Emergency departments of Bedfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust
* Crisis and home treatment staff

**When does this guidance apply?**

This guidance will only apply where:

* an AMHP has been requested to undertake an MHA assessment and the person has been assessed as requiring detention under the MHA (1983),
* The AMHP, assessing team, Duty Senior Nurse (DSN) and other attending emergency professionals identifies that admission under special urgency applies,
* There are no immediately available beds at the time outcome of the MHAA is concluded,

**A copy of the S140 Policy – Guidance for admissions in cases of Special Urgency can be found here -**

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**Signatures of organisational leads**

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| **Organisation** | **Name and role of organisational lead** | **Signature of organisational lead** | **Date** |
| **BLMK CCG** |  |  |  |
| **BBC** |  |  |  |
| **CBC** |  |  |  |
| **LBC** |  |  |  |
| **ELFT** |  |  |  |
| **Bedfordshire Police** |  |  |  |
| **EEAST** |  |  |  |