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Leaflet - Greenwich MIND - NEW SERVICE April 2009

INDEPENDENT MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY SERVICE – REFERRAL FORM

From April 1st 2009 Greenwich MIND will provide the **Independent Mental Health Advocacy (IMHA)** Service for Greenwich Qualifying Patients.

An Interim Service will be available from April 1st 2009 which will respond to **IMHA** Advocacy referrals.

Although referrals can be made by any member of staff involved with the care and treatment of the person being referred Greenwich MIND would encourage staff to enable as much as possible self referral.

Mental health professionals will "...have a duty to take whatever steps are practicable to ensure that patients understand that help is available to them from an IMHA service and how they can obtain that help...this must include giving the relevant information both orally and in writing.

(Code of Practice 20, 12)

An **IMHA Referral Form** has been produced should be available from the Office and from Community Mental Health Teams.

A Referral Form must be completed and received by Greenwich MIND.

The Greenwich MIND **IMHA** service is not required to be present when a patient is assessed under the Mental Health Act to determine if they need to be detained.

The IMHA interim service is not an emergency service but will aim to see qualifying patients within 7days.

ALL REFERRALS MUST BE FAXED DIRECT TO GREENWICH MIND. FAX: 020 8293 3579

If you have a query please contact Howard Allen, PHONE: 020 8853 2395