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Prescribing psychotropics CHAPTER 14 All patients under the age of 18 who are to receive ECT, whether or not they are detained under the MHA, must have treatment authorised on a T5 or T6. Patients who have the capacity to consent must not receive ECT unless they do consent (in emergencies this can, however, be over-ridden under S62 of the Act). There is no 3-month rule with regard to ECT and this also applies to medication given as part of ECT. Hence a form for ECT must always be in place regardless of the first date of detention. The forms should indicate the maximum number of treatments the patient is to receive (Code of Practice paragraph 25.23). Community patients Patients on a Community Treatment Order (CTO) should have treatment authorised on one of the following forms: CTO11 Written by SOAD, after 1 month on a CTO, when the patient lacks capacity CTO12 Written by the RC when the patient has capacity and is consenting to treatment, after 1 month on a CTO There is no legal authority to give patients medication in the community if they refuse it. Reference

1. Gov.UK. Code of practice: Mental Health Act 1983. 2017 (last accessed August 2024); <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/code-of-practice-mental-health-act-1983#history>.

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