

# Mental Health News

## High Secure Psychiatric Services Safety and Security Directions - Consultation

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The Department of Health has been carrying out a review of the Safety and Security Directions for the three high secure hospitals in England. The Department of Health has been working with the NHS Trusts responsible for Ashworth, Broadmoor and Rampton Hospitals, along with other interested parties, and this work has resulted in proposals for a comprehensively updated and extended set of Directions and associated Guidance.

A 12 week consultation on the proposals has started and will close on 2nd November 2009. A copy of the consultation paper, supporting documentation and address for reply can be accessed at [http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/DH\\_I03875](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/DH_I03875)

The Department of Health would value your contribution, and has included a question response template in the consultation papers to assist you with structuring your formal response and to help them when collating and analysing the responses.

If you wish to respond to the consultation please **do not send your responses to the email address from which you received this information**, please forward your response direct to the Department of Health as directed on the consultation website page above.

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