

MENTAL HEALTH OFFICER - ON CALL SYSTEM

Availability

The Mental Health Officer (M.H.O.) service is provided 24/7/365 by West Lothian Council. During the day time hours (Monday – Friday except Public Holidays) there is a Duty M.H.O. who carries a pager and mobile phone.

This service is provided from 8.30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

How to contact them

The Duty M.H.O. is contacted by G.P.s, or Consultant Psychiatrists via the paging desk of St. John's Hospital. Tel. 01506 419666.

What they do

The Duty M.H.O. provides a service in terms of looking at alternatives to Compulsory Detention. Where that is unavoidable, they will give consent to statutory detention.

If the M.H.O. is on day time duties, they will provide a Social Circumstances Report to the Consultant and Mental Welfare Commission on the person's life. They will advise the person on how to choose a Named Person, make an Advance Statement, or make aware of right to Advocacy. Where the person chooses, the M.H.O. will refer to Advocacy for them.

In circumstances where further detention is needed the M.H.O. will compile an application for a Mental Health Tribunal. This will involve the development of a Care Plan to address the person's needs.