

Statutory Consultee’s record of consultation with Second Opinion Appointed Doctor

Note: In the case of a detained patient the Care Quality Commission’s Second Opinion Appointed Doctor (SOAD) must consult with a qualified nurse who has been professionally concerned with the patient’s care and another qualified person (not a nurse or doctor) who has direct knowledge of the patient in their professional capacity (e.g. Social Worker, Occupational Therapist, Pharmacist, Psychologist). In the case of patients subject to Community Treatment Orders, the SOAD must consult with two other people, only one of whom can be a doctor and neither of whom can be the Responsible Clinician or the Approved Clinician in charge of any treatment specified on the certificate. These are known as the ‘statutory consultees’ who must document their consultation with the S.O.A.D. (Code of Practice 24.49)

Patient’s Name: **Ward/Team:**.....

Date of S.O.A.D. visit:

Please record a summary of your discussion with the SOAD (see over for guidance)

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Consultee Name: **Profession:**.....

Consultee signature: **Date:**.....

Please place a copy of this form in the Mental Health Act section of the patient’s notes and send the original to Mental Health Act Administration.

The Code of Practice suggests the consultees should consider commenting on:-

- The proposed treatment and the patient's ability to consent to it;
- Their understanding of the past and present views and wishes of the patient;
- Other treatment options and the way in which the decision on the treatment proposal was arrived at;
- The patient's progress and the views of any carers;
- Where the relevant, the implications of imposing treatment on a patient who does not want it and the reasons why the patient is refusing of treatment; and
- Any other matters relating to the patient's care on which the 'consultee' wishes to comment.

Questions asked by the S.O.A.D. might include:-

- What is your involvement with the patient, how long have you know them, what input have you had?
- What are your views on the present condition of the patient, has their presentation changed and in what way, have they deteriorated, how do they present to you?
- Do you agree with the way forward proposed in the Treatment Plan, do you think it would benefit the patient?
- Are there any other comments you wish to make?