

Office of the Senior Practitioner

Information on requesting a review

Purpose:	This document outlines the process of request for a review by the Office of the Senior Practitioner (the Office) on matters regarding: (a) a person(s) with a disability subject to restrictive interventions or compulsory treatment, (b) who may present with a behaviour of concern, (c) who potentially may be subject to restrictive interventions, (d) or the review of a registered disability service performing the above function. A particular focus of the review is to ensure that the rights of the person are protected.
<i>The Disability Act 2006:</i>	<p><i>The Disability Act 2006 (s27)</i> provides the Senior Practitioner with powers in respect of the use of restrictive interventions or compulsory treatment by disability service providers. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • seeing any person with a disability who is subject to restrictive interventions or; • investigating the use of restrictive interventions and access information about the person with a disability. <p>The Senior Practitioner may also direct disability service providers to discontinue or report on the use of other restrictive interventions other than restraint and seclusion.</p>
What is a review?	A review may take the form of a clinical review, practice review or service system review and can include an examination of behaviour support plans, restrictive interventions or compulsory treatment being used or other relevant material. A review may also include an audit of restrictive interventions or compulsory treatment of an individual or a group of persons with a disability. The review process may also involve conducting case file reviews, interviews, and visiting and inspecting services.
How do you request a review?	A request for a review can be made by completing the attached application form. If you need support to do this, please contact the Office.
Who can request a review?	<p>A request for review can be made by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A person with a disability, a parent/guardian, advocate; • The Public Advocate, the Disability Services Commissioner; • A registered disability service provider or other interested parties may request review of a matter
What is considered when the Office conducts a review?	<p>A review can consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any matter in respect of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) the use of restrictive interventions or compulsory treatment by a disability service provider b) behaviours of concern; • Compliance with the Disability Act (Part 3, 7 and 8); and other relevant sections • Whether the matter has been previously investigated by a disability service provider or an equivalent function.
Who conducts the review?	Reviews are conducted by a Practice Leader or Practice Advisor from the Office or an independent person/service engaged by the Senior Practitioner.
What can happen as a result of a review?	The Senior Practitioner can make recommendations or provide direction to disability service providers on the findings of the review. Disability service providers are expected to prepare an action plan on how and when they will implement the recommendations or direction. Disability service providers will be expected to provide a “Review Implementation Report” to the Office within six months after the review (or a period specified by the Office).

Application for Review by the Office of the Senior Practitioner

Disability Act 2006, Section 27 – Special Powers

Application(s) are treated strictly confidentially.

NOTE: A person with a disability can contact the Office of Senior Practitioner directly by telephone, email or other form of communication:

Mail to:	Senior Practitioner	Email to:	seniorpractitioner@dhs.vic.gov.au
	Office of the Senior Practitioner	Telephone:	03 9096 8427
	GPO Box 4057	Fax:	03 9096 8017
	Melbourne Victoria 3001		

Purpose: To make an application to the Office of the Senior Practitioner for a review of a matter regarding support provided to a person(s) with a disability subject to restrictive interventions or compulsory treatment in receipt of a disability service.

Details of the person making this application

First name	<input type="text"/>	Street number and name	<input type="text"/>
Last name	<input type="text"/>	Suburb	<input type="text"/>
Email address	<input type="text"/>	Postcode	<input type="text"/>
Telephone number	<input type="text"/>	Fax number	<input type="text"/>

Details of the person who is the subject of this application

First name	<input type="text"/>	Street number and name	<input type="text"/>
Last name	<input type="text"/>	Suburb	<input type="text"/>
CRIS/CRISP number	<input type="text"/>	Postcode	<input type="text"/>
Telephone number	<input type="text"/>	Date of birth	<input type="text"/>
		Gender	M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>

Details of the person's family/guardian

First name	<input type="text"/>	Street number and name	<input type="text"/>
Last name	<input type="text"/>	Suburb	<input type="text"/>
Relationship	<input type="text"/>	Postcode	<input type="text"/>
		Telephone number	<input type="text"/>
Guardian (if applicable)	<input type="text"/>	Guardian telephone (if applicable)	<input type="text"/>

Reviews

Office of the Senior Practitioner (the Office) procedures – *Disability Act 2006, Section 27*

