SECTION 7 -

Behavioural and Mental Health Emergencies

Mental Health Emergency 4/5.7.1 Version 3, 03/2021 Abnormal behaviour with a history of mental illness MP - Medical Practitioner PN – Psychiatric Nurse MP or PN Practitioners may not in attendance or have made compel a patient to arrangements for voluntary/ accompany them or assisted admission prevent a patient from leaving an ambulance ehicle/ Co-operate as appropriate with medical or nursing Obtain a history from patient and or If potential to harm self or others bystanders present as appropriate ensure minimum two people accompany patient in saloon of ambulance at all times Potential to harm self or Transport patient to an others Approved Centre Request control to inform Gardaí Reassure patient Explain what is happening at all times Avoid confrontation Attempt verbal de-escalation Combative with hallucinations or Paranoia & risk to self or others atient agrees A person lacks of capacity to make to travel a decision if he or she is unable to *Understand the information relevant to the decision Request as appropriate Retain that information long enough to Gardaí make a voluntary choice *Use or weigh that information as part of Medical Practitioner Mental health team the process of making the decision, or Communicate decision by any means (including sign language/assistive technology)

