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A practical understanding of the Mental Health Act is essential for social workers, as well as other health and social care professionals. This succinct yet comprehensive book sets out sections of the MHA, from civil and criminal routes into hospital to aftercare in the community, and summarises protections and rights for those subject to the Act.

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