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Establishment of Child Psychiatric Wards/Separate rooms for hospitalization of children with psychiatric illness in curative care institutions

There is a risk of abusing child psychiatric patients if they are kept in the same ward with adult psychiatric patients. Since there are no child psychiatric wards established for children in hospitals where Acute Psychiatric Inpatient Care Units available, are instructed to provide the following facilities:

1. All hospitals with acute inpatient care units (psychiatric wards) should allocate a separate room for hospitalization of children with psychiatric illness
2. Until such facility is established, an alternative arrangement should be made for hospitalization of children with psychiatric illness
3. If there is no room, at least few beds separated from other beds in the female psychiatric ward should be reserved for the children
4. Consultant psychiatrist (In-charge of the psychiatric ward) should arrange such facilities with collaboration of Head of the institution

Please bring the content this circular letter to the notice all officers concerned in your institution

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