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Ministry of Public Health
The Minister

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Decision No. 270/1

Concerning the Quality of Care and Human Rights in the Field of Mental Health

The Minister of Public Health,

Pursuant to Decree no. 4340 dated 31/1/2019 (The Formation of the Government),

Pursuant to Decree No. 8377 dated 30/12/1961 (The Organization of the Ministry of Public Health),

Since mental health is among the priorities of the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) as stated in its strategy for 2016-2020,

Since the Ministry is committed and keen to respect and preserve the dignity and the rights of patients in all medical and health institutions, especially those specialized in mental and neurological healthcare,

In addition to Resolution No. 1155/1 issued on 19/6/2018 concerning the MOPH-National Mental Health Programme's role related to the governance of the Mental Health System and to improving mental health services in Lebanon,

And Building on the work carried out by the National Mental Health Programme in 2018 which included the formation and training of a national multidisciplinary team on the Quality Rights toolkit to monitor quality of care and human rights protection in mental health services (adopted by the World Health Organization),

And at the suggestion of the Director General of Health,

The following was decided:

Article 1

All health workers in second category institutions which deal with mental illness are to be trained in quality of care and human rights in accordance with the World Health Organization Quality Rights toolkit. This training is considered an essential prerequisite for contracting with the Ministry of Public Health.

Article 2

The National Mental Health Programme is to evaluate all hospitals providing mental health care and long-stay facilities specialized in care for mental and neurological disorders, and those specialized in treatment of substance use disorders and rehabilitation, in order to assess the practices and methods adopted and to ensure they are compatible with quality of care and human rights principles and standards in line with the Quality Rights toolkit. Building on these assessments, action plans will be developed and adopted to improve services in

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these facilities towards ensuring that all means of care, treatment, protection, and rehabilitation are compatible with human rights standards (in line with the toolkit adopted by the World Health Organization).

Article 3

The National Mental Health Programme of the Ministry of Public Health is to conduct the trainings for all persons working in mental health care in accordance with a schedule that all institutions will be notified of. The trainings are to be completed by the end of 2019.

Article 4

The Programme shall submit reports on the assessments, trainings, recommendations, and action plans to the Minister of Public Health through the Director General of the Ministry.

Article 5

Notifications of this decision shall be made to concerned parties and the decision shall be effective as soon as it is issued.

To be notified:

- The Ministry of Social Affairs
- The Directorate General of Health
- The Directorate of Medical Care
- The Syndicate of Hospitals
- The Order of Physicians
- Governmental Hospitals
- The Narcotics Department
- The National Mental Health Programme
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