

Section 12(2) approved course

Case1

Male, 45 years old

Established diagnosis of Bipolar Affective Disorder.

He was detained by police under Section 136 outside a pub and brought to the Place of Safety (POS). You are the Section 12 approved doctor called by the AMHP to assess him. The AMHP is currently struggling to find a second doctor.

During the assessment, he presents with grandiose beliefs, paranoid thoughts about his neighbour, pressured speech, and irritability.

You are informed that he has a history of violence, including use of a knife when unwell.

Please discuss the case in your group and decide:

- Section 2, 3, or 4?
- Explain your rationale.