

Laws and legislation governing health and medical care

Biobanks Act

Patients sometimes need to provide samples such as blood samples or biopsies when they are sick. Certain samples are stored to provide you the patient with the best possible care. They can also be used for research purposes.

Individuals are free to decide whether they want their samples to be stored or not. This falls under the Biobank Act. To find out more about this ring: 0470-58 75 13 or send an e-mail to Marie Jadner who is the Kronoberg County Council biobank officer.

The LPT Act

An individual who is mentally ill can be committed for care according to the above legislation. The individual must be suffering from a serious mental disturbance and be psychotic for this to apply which means that the individual has lost touch with reality and poses a danger both to themselves and to the general public. For this to apply the individual must have refused voluntary health care first.

Find out more about the LPT Act at the 1177.se website

The LRV Act

In certain cases the individual who is mentally ill can be committed for forensic or criminal mental health care. This applies if the individual has committed a serious crime and undergone a psychiatric examination that indicates that the individual suffers from a serious mental disorder.

Find out more about the LRV Act on the Parliament website riksdagen.se

Health care freedom of choice

There are a number of laws regulating patient health care freedom of choice.

Health care freedom of choice

Individuals are free to choose their health care in Sweden. This means that a person with a referral to a specialist can be treated by the primary health care centre or specialist unit of their choice. This applies to the county in which they reside and also other counties/regions. Individuals that seek care elsewhere are liable to pay for transport to and from health care facilities and the current county/regional priority waiting list applies.

Find out more about health care freedom of choice on the SKL website: skl.se

Law governing freedom of choice system

Swedish law includes rules governing what applies to municipalities and counties who wish to have their activities compete with one another. This means that all patients are free to choose who treats them and fulfills their health care requirements and needs.

Find out more about the freedom of choice system on the SKL website: skl.se

Other legislation

- Swedish Health and Medical Services Act
- Lex Maria
- Patient Data Privacy Protection Act
- Personal Information Act
- Official Secrets Act
- Find out more about laws and legislation on the socialstyrelsen.se website