



NYC CIVILIAN COMPLAINT REVIEW BOARD (CCRB)

Queens
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Mental Health and Policing

This month, while focusing on mental health in the community, the Policy Unit wanted to provide more information about one allegation of police misconduct related to mental health, and individuals experiencing a mental health crisis, that has increased in the last few years.

Forcible Removal to the Hospital

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PROCEDURE: When a uniformed member of the service reasonably believes that a person who is apparently mentally ill or emotionally disturbed, [and] must be taken into protective custody because the person is conducting himself in a manner likely to result in a serious injury to himself or others.

CCRB Forcible Removal Allegations by Year

Received Year	Allegations Received	Allegations Closed	Substantiated Allegations Closed
2017	133	4	0
2018	485	342	9
2019	582	541	16
2020	478	356	13

CCRB Investigations into Forcible Removals to the Hospital

Investigators look for officers to have a **specific, objective** reason to believe an individual is conducting themselves in a way that is “**likely to result in serious injury to himself or others.**”

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- Whether an alternative police action (such as an arrest or summons) would have been more appropriate given the situation

Queens Mental Health Resources

Mount Sinai Queens Mental Health Services

<https://www.mountsinai.org/care/behavioral-health>

NYC Health and Hospitals Queens: Behavioral Health Treatment Center

<https://www.nychealthandhospitals.org/queens/our-services/behavioral-health/>

Elmhurst Hospital Mental Health Clinic

<https://www.nyconnects.ny.gov/services/elmhurst-hospital-mental-health-clinic-omh-pr-870406580110>

Additional Resources

File a Complaint

nyc.gov/ccrb/complaints

Data Transparency Initiative

nyc.gov/dti

Policy Reports

nyc.gov/ccrb/reports

NYPD MOS Records

nyc.gov/site/ccrb/policy/MOS-records.page

