

Your rights under the Mental Health Act: Section 17A

Supervised community treatment

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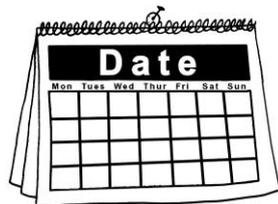
Information for service users, families, carers and supporters



Your name:



Your doctor's name:



Date of your community treatment order

What is supervised community treatment?



It allows some patients to be discharged from hospital and placed on a community treatment order.



This is because their doctor believes that they need to receive special care and treatment once they leave hospital.

What happens after I leave hospital?



Your care team will talk to you about your treatment.

You will be asked to keep to arrangements made:

- for your treatment and
- to help you live safely and keep well

These are called conditions.



You will also be given a care plan

The care plan will tell you what you need to do and the help you will be given.



A person with special skills will look after you. This person is called a care co-ordinator.

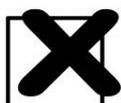
Your care co-ordinator's name is:

Their telephone number is:



If you are worried about anything, or need help, you should talk to your Care Co-ordinator.

What happens if I don't keep to the conditions?



If you don't keep to a condition you may be brought back to hospital for treatment.



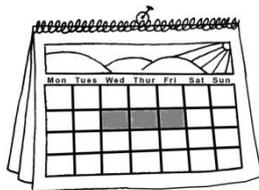
This may be necessary if you have kept to all the conditions but become unwell.



You will be told in writing that you need to come to hospital. This is called “being recalled”.



If you don't come to hospital you could be brought against your will.



If you are brought back to hospital you can be kept for up to 72 hours.



If your care team think you need to stay longer they will talk to you.

What treatment must I have?



Your doctor and nurse will talk to you about any treatment they think you will need.

Can I refuse to be treated?



You can refuse treatment but if you do your doctor may recall you to hospital.



If you are not happy about the treatment tell your doctor or care co-ordinator.

What if I am too ill to decide whether to agree to my treatment?



If your doctor thinks you lack the capacity to understand you will be given the treatment you need.



You cannot be forced to accept treatment if you object unless it is an emergency

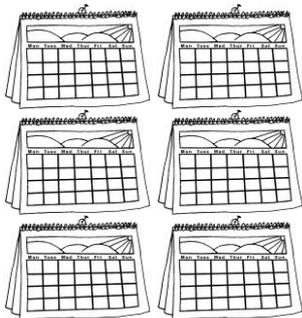
“Lack capacity” means that because of your illness you may have problems in:



- understanding information given
- remembering the information given
- using the information to make your decision
- communicating your decision either by talking, writing or other means.



How long must I stay on supervised



Your order will last for up to six months at first.



Your doctor will ask to examine you towards the end of the 6 months to decide if the order is still necessary.



You must see your doctor to be examined.



If you refuse your doctor may arrange for you to be brought to hospital to be seen.

How do I complain?



Speak to your nurse who will help you complain to the right person.



You can also write to the Care Quality Commission.



Your nurse will give you a leaflet explaining more.

If you are unhappy about our services...



Please tell a member of staff.



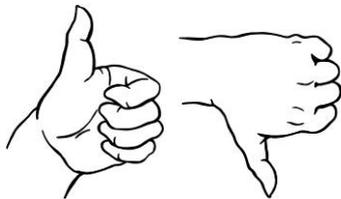
Freephone 0800 052 0219 or



Email tewv.pals@nhs.net.

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- if there was anything you didn't understand.



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