

## Easy read information

# Section 5 (4)

## Your rights under the Mental Health Act

Nurse's power to detain a person being treated for a mental disorder as a hospital inpatient.



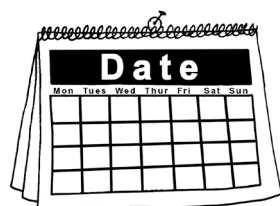
**Your name:**



**Your doctor's name:**



**Hospital name:**



**Date you came to hospital**

## Why am I in hospital?



You are being kept in hospital under Section 5(4) of the Mental Health Act.

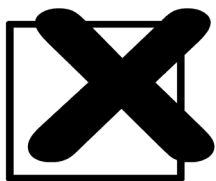


This is because a nurse thinks you need special care, in hospital and are not well enough to leave.

## How long will I stay in hospital?



You will be kept in hospital for up to 6 hours so that your doctor, or their deputy, can decide if you need to be kept in hospital.



You must not leave during this time unless you have been told you can.



If you try to go you can be stopped



If you leave you can be brought back.

**In your case the 6 hours will end on:**

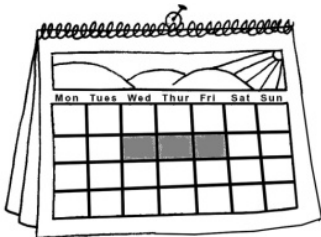
Date:

Time:

**What happens next?**



The doctor will see you and may say that you need to stay in hospital



If you need to stay in hospital this will be under a different section of the Mental Health Act.



Your doctor, or nurse, will give you more information and tell you for how long this is likely to be.



If you have not been told you have to stay in hospital at the end of the 6 hours you will be free to leave.



If you wish to stay in hospital as a voluntary patient please speak to your doctor or nurse.

## Will I be given treatment?



Your nurse will tell you about any treatment you may need.



You can refuse any treatment you do not want.

Only in special circumstances can you be given treatment you do not agree to.

## Can I appeal?

No.

## 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](mailto:tewv.pals@nhs.net).

## Feedback

We'd like to know if you thought this information was



- good or bad
- if anything was missing you wanted to know
- if there was anything you didn't understand.

Let a member of your care team know.

## Find this information

Staff: Trustwide shared drive > Patient and Carer Information > Trustwide

Service users and carers: Go to our website [www.tewv.uk](http://www.tewv.uk) and search Mental Health Act.

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