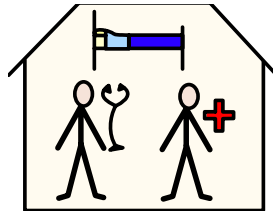


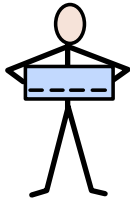
Your rights under the Mental Health Act 1983

Section 3

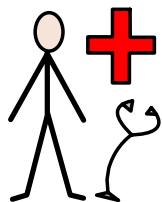
Admission to Hospital for Treatment



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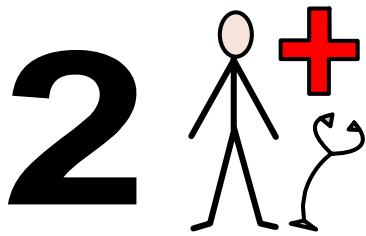


Your Doctor is:

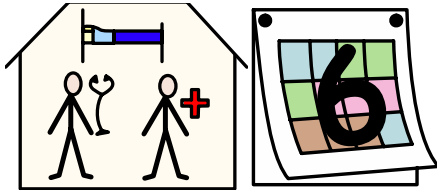




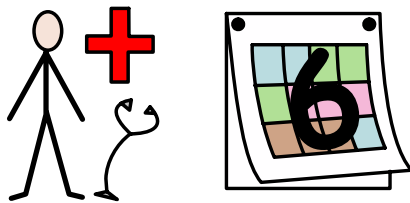
Information for patients



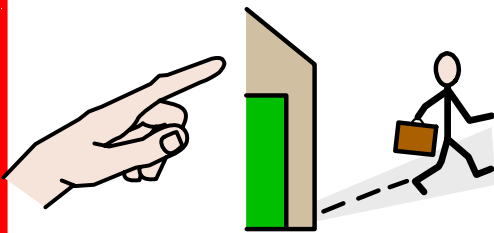
Section 3 of the Mental Health Act says that 2 Doctors and a Social Worker have agreed you must stay here.



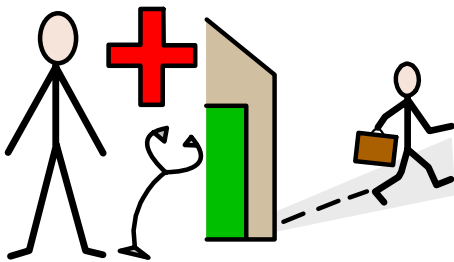
You **MUST** stay in hospital for up to 6 months so that Doctors can find out what is wrong and treat your illness.



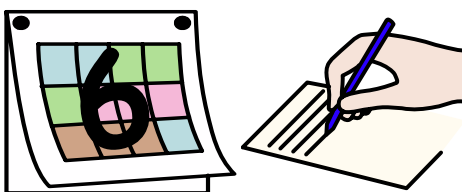
If a Doctor thinks you need to stay after 6 months he will talk to you.



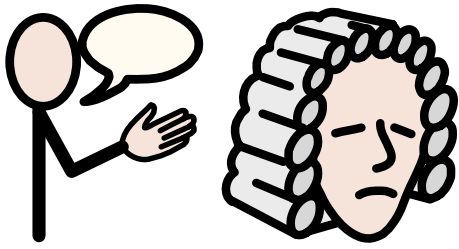
If you go before 6 months without the Doctor saying you can be brought back.



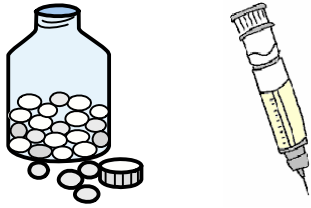
When the Doctor thinks you are well you will be able to leave.



Remember - if you think you can go before 6 months - talk to your Doctor. If your Doctor says no, you can write to the Hospital Managers or the Mental Health Act Commission.



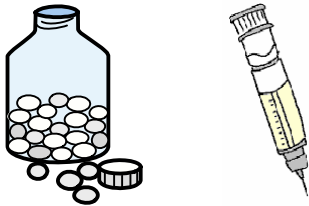
The Tribunal is 3 people from outside the hospital. You can either have a Solicitor or advocate to speak for you. They will talk and listen to people and decide if you can go. If you don't understand you can ask for some help.



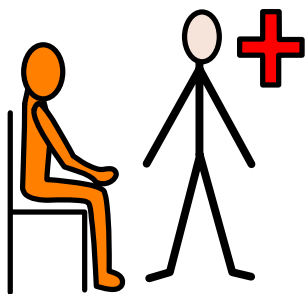
The Doctor will talk to you before giving you medicine.



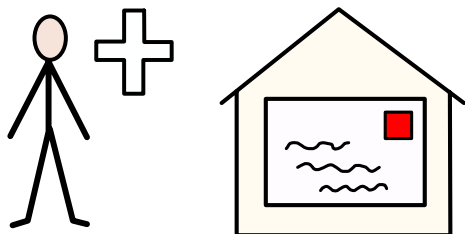
After 3 months the Doctor will talk to you if he wants to give you more medicine.



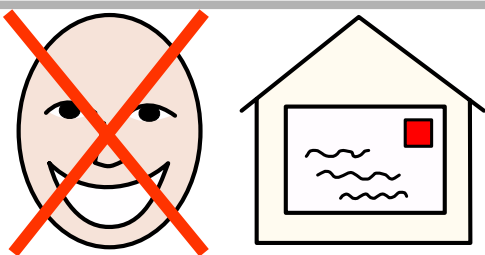
If you say **'NO'** the Doctor can still give you medicine



Sometimes a Doctor must talk to other staff before helping you.



If you are unhappy, speak to the Nurses, Doctor or write to the Hospital Managers.



If you are still unhappy you can write to the Mental Health Act Commission.