

Patient Information Leaflet 8

Mental Health Act 1983

Section 17E: Recall from Supervised Community Treatment

You have been admitted to:

Your Responsible Clinician is:

Your recall under section 17E began:

Date:

At:

am/pm

Why am I in hospital?

You have been recalled to this hospital under section 17E of the Mental Health Act 1983 because your responsible clinician believes you need a further period of treatment in hospital, and there would be a risk to your health and safety or to the health and safety of others, if you were not brought back to hospital.

How long will I be here?

You can be kept here for up to 72 hours (three days) for further treatment. You must not leave during this time unless your responsible clinician tells you that you may. If you try to go, the staff can stop you, and if you leave, you can be brought back.

What happens next?

If your responsible clinician tells you that you can leave hospital within 72 hours from the time you arrived at the hospital, you will be able to go back onto the supervised community treatment as before. Your responsible clinician will talk to you about why you had to be recalled to hospital and what you should do next.

After 72 hours you must be released unless your responsible clinician and an approved mental health professional agree that you need to stay in hospital for longer. This is called "revoking the community treatment order" and it means that your supervised community treatment will end.

If this happens, you will be returned onto the section that you were on prior to your SCT and will be given another leaflet to tell you what will happen.

Can I appeal?

No you cannot appeal against the decision to recall you to hospital. If your community treatment order is revoked, you will be able to make an appeal about that.

What treatment will I receive?

The approved clinician in charge of your treatment will talk to you about any treatment that you need for your mental disorder. You can be given medication or drug treatment for your mental health during the 72 hours without your consent if necessary.

Independent Mental Health Advocacy Service

You will have access to the confidential, independent mental health advocacy (IMHA) service. The IMHA service will provide support to you and help you to understand the Act.

They will help you obtain information about your legal rights, any medical treatment that you may be receiving and how you can appeal against your community treatment order.

If you are having any difficulties understanding this leaflet or have any further questions the IMHA service is there to help you.

How do I complain?

If you want to complain about the way you are being treated in hospital, you should speak to the person in charge of the ward, or a nurse or social worker. If you are not happy with the answer you may write to the Hospital Managers. You can write to the Managers at the following address:
(Information to be added locally)

If you are not happy with the Managers' reply, you can ask the Review Service for Mental Health to help. The Review Service was set up to make sure that the mental health law is used properly and that patients are cared for properly while they are in hospital.

You can write to them at:

Review Service for Mental Health
Healthcare Inspectorate Wales
Bevan House
Caerphilly Business Park
Van Road
Caerphilly CF83 3ED

Or you can telephone: 029 2092 8858

Or you can fax: 029 2092 8904

Or you can speak to a Reviewer when they visit. The ward manager can tell you the date of the next visit. You can also write to the Review Service after you have left the hospital.

Your letters

Normally you will be able to write to and get letters and parcels from anybody. The Mental Health Act gives the Hospital Managers power to withhold any of your letters or parcels from going to someone who has asked that they should not be sent to them. If this happens you will be notified in writing.

Code of Practice for Wales

The Code of Practice for Wales gives advice to staff about the Mental Health Act 1983. They have to think about what the Code says when they take decisions about your care. You can ask to look at a copy of the Code or you can ask for a copy of the 'Peace of Mind' booklet on the Code of Practice for Wales.

Further information and help

If there is anything you do not understand about your care and treatment, a member of staff will try to help you. Please ask a member of staff to explain if there is anything in this leaflet you do not understand or if you have other questions that this has not answered.

The independent mental health advocacy service is also there to provide help and support to you.

Please ask if you would like another copy of this leaflet for someone else.