

# Your stay in hospital

## Section 5(2) Mental Health Act 1983



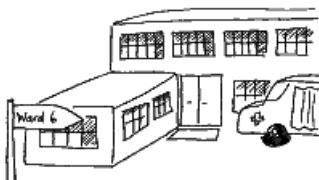
Your name

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Your hospital doctor is

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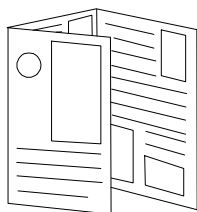
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Date you were placed under 5(2) of the  
Mental Health Act

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You have been placed under section 5 (2)  
of the Mental Health Act. This leaflet is to  
help you understand what this means

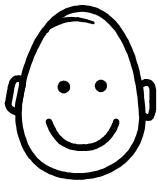
# Why am I in hospital?



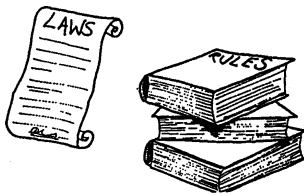
A doctor says you are ill.



The doctors want to find out what is wrong with you.



The doctors want to find out what help you need to make you feel better.



You can be kept in hospital because Section 5(2) of the Mental Health Act 1983 says so.

The **Mental Health Act 1983** is a law. A law is like a rule.

# How long will I be in hospital?

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You can be kept in hospital for 72 hours.  
This is 3 full days.



The doctor will say when you can leave hospital.



If you try to leave before the doctor says it is ok, you can be stopped.

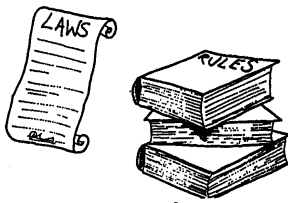
If you leave hospital before the doctor says it is ok you will be brought back.

# What happens next?

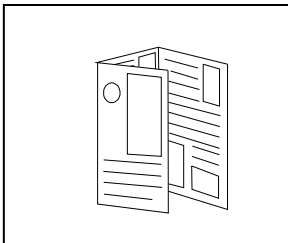


You will be examined by another doctor.

The doctor will decide if you still need to stay. If the doctor decides you need to stay you will be examined by another doctor and a social worker.



Another part of the law called the Mental Health Act 1983, will allow your doctor to keep you in hospital longer.



You will be given a leaflet about this law if you have to stay in hospital.



The doctor may say it is ok for you to leave hospital. The doctor or your social worker will ask you what help you need when you leave.



If a second doctor does not examine you before the end of 3 days you can leave or stay in hospital.



Talk to your doctor about what you want to do.



The doctor will tell you about the treatment you need to get better.