

Changes to the mental health act – COVID 19

Why is this information being given to you?

	<p>You are in hospital under the mental health act</p>
	<p>The mental health act lets staff and doctors help you and keep you safe</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>On march 19th 2020 the mental health act was changed</p>

Why did the mental health act change?

	<p>This change is happening because of coronavirus (COVID-19)</p>
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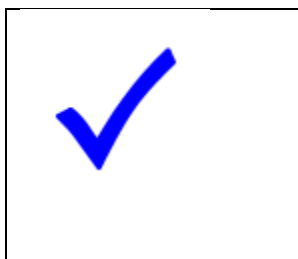
How will this change affect you?

	<p>1 doctor and 1 approved mental health professional will see you and agree that you need to be in hospital</p>
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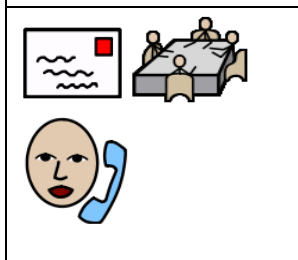


Staff who do not work in the hospital will not be able to visit you but you can talk to them on the phone

Can I appeal if I am not happy?

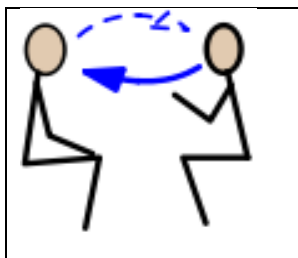


Yes you can appeal


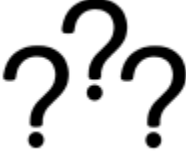
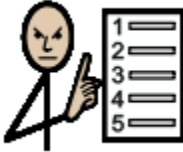


The meeting is called a tribunal. This could take place over the phone, by letter or a small meeting


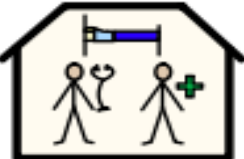
What about treatment





Staff and doctors in the hospital will talk to you about your treatment for your mental health

	<p>The change of the act means a doctor can make a treatment plan for you</p>
	<p>If you have any concerns your doctor and staff in hospital will talk with you about it</p>
	<p>The rules for some treatments are different such as ECT</p>

What are the other changes?

	<p>The detention order or section you are on will say how long you have to stay in hospital</p>
	<p>If you are a voluntary patient staff and doctors can use the act if they feel you may hurt yourself and others. This is called emergency holding power</p>

Further help and information

	<p>Talk to staff if you do not understand your care or treatment</p>
	<p>Please ask if you want another copy of this</p>