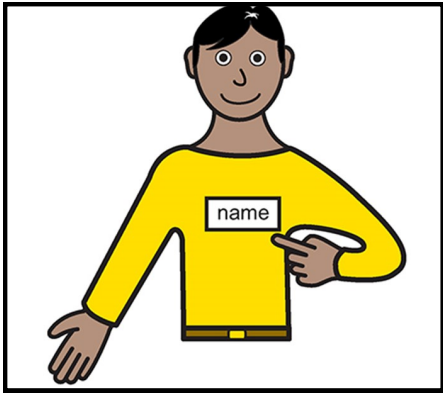


Section 17A: Community Treatment Order Mental Health Act 1983



Your name

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The approved clinician in charge of
your treatment is :

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They are a specialist in mental
health.



You're responsible hospital is

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You have been put on section 17A of the Mental Health Act.



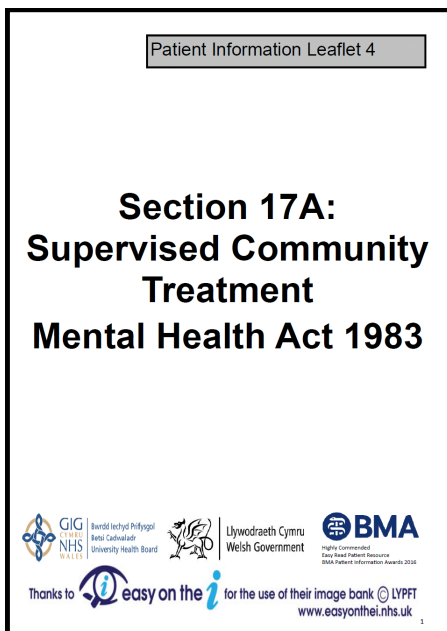
Mental Health Act 1983

This is also called community treatment order.



Date your section started

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This leaflet is to help you understand what this means.

A health or social care professional should read through this leaflet with you.

They will be able to answer any of your questions.

Why am I on a community treatment order?



Your responsible clinician thinks you can be treated in the community for your mental health.

But they are concerned that you might not continue your treatment

Or

You may need to be re-admitted quickly.



An approved mental health professional has agreed with your responsible clinician.

They have decided you need to be on a community treatment order.



Even if you feel the section is wrong, for now it will continue.

What does this mean?



When you are on a community treatment order you will need to follow certain conditions.

All CTO's include the following conditions:



If requested:

You must see your responsible clinician if they feel you might need to remain on CTO for more than six months;

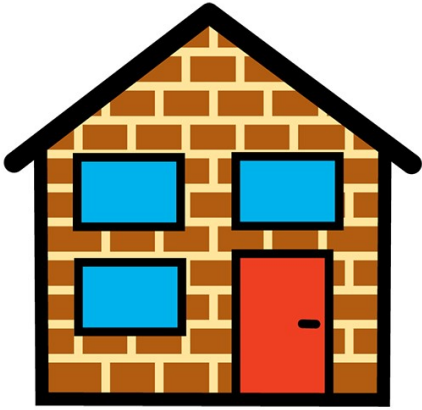


You must see an independent doctor, also called a second opinion appointed doctor or SOAD.

This is so that the doctor may issue a certificate for treatment.

What does this mean?

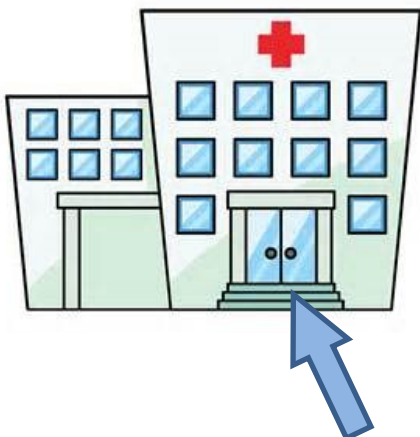
Your responsible clinician may set other conditions.
These conditions might include:



Agreeing with you where you live



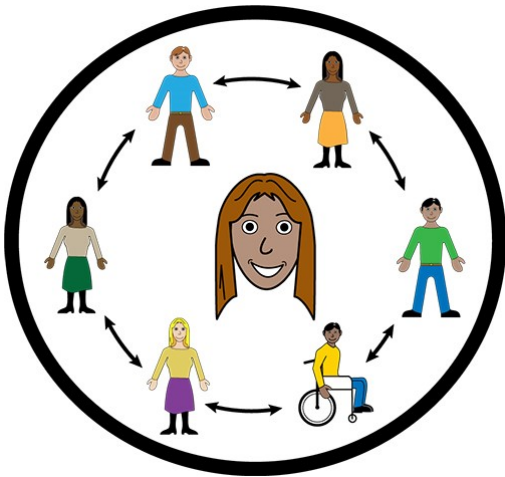
Arrangements for you to receive treatment in the community



You have the right to refuse treatment, but this could mean you are recalled to hospital.

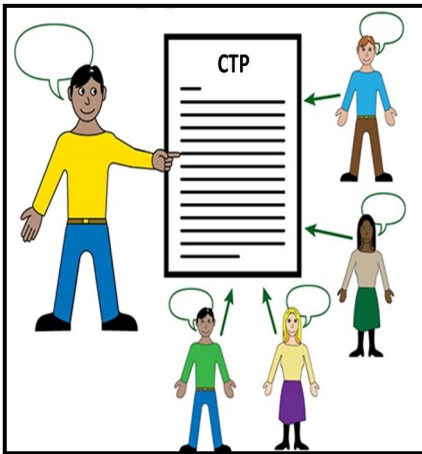
If you feel that you do not want treatment, you should talk to your care team as soon as possible.

Care and treatment



You are at the centre of your care and treatment.

You must be given enough information to make an informed decision about your care.



You will have your own care and treatment plan.

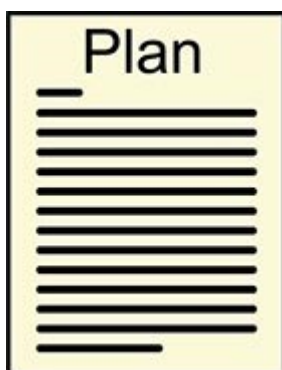
You will have care co-ordinator to help you develop this.



Your care co-ordinator is called:

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You will have a copy of your care and treatment plan and it will be reviewed at least once a year.



You can ask an IMHA or your care team for more information.

How long must I stay on a community treatment order?

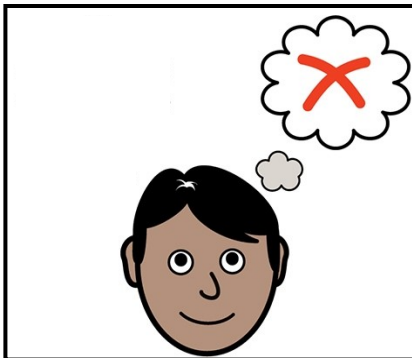


Your community treatment order will last for up to 6 months.

If you need to stay on the order for longer your section might be renewed.



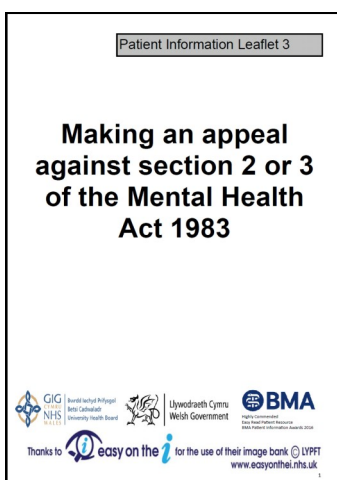
If you are better before 6 months your responsible clinician could take you off your section.



If you want to stop being under a Community Treatment Order talk to your care team or IMHA.

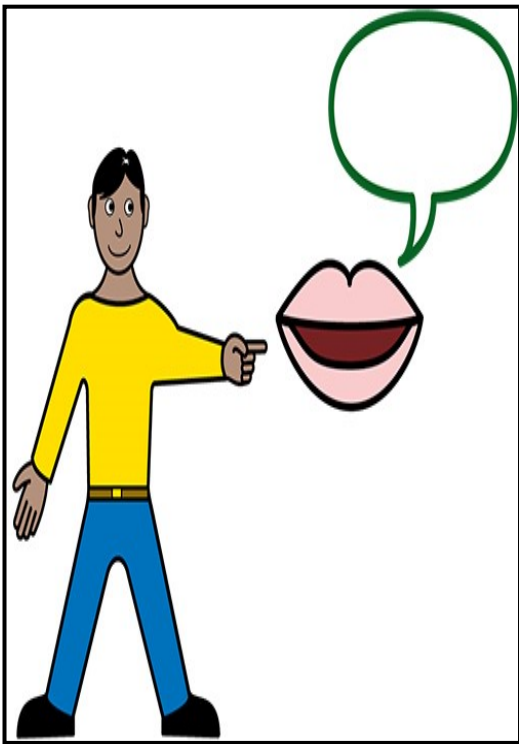
You can also ask for a Mental Health Act Tribunal in the same way as a section 3.

There is another leaflet explaining this process.



Independent Mental Health Advocate (IMHA)

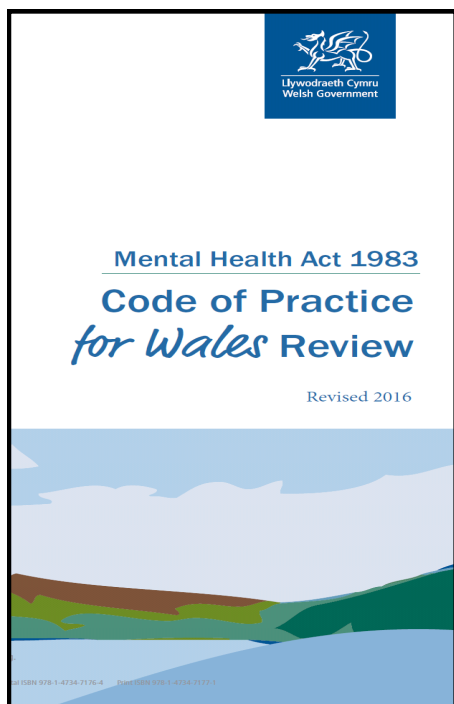
You have a **RIGHT** to an independent mental health advocate sometimes called an IMHA.



- They can help you understand your rights and treatment options
- They can help get support and legal representation
- They can help you complain
- They do not work for health or social services and will speak up on your behalf
- The service is free and confidential

If you would like an IMHA, speak to the staff, who can give you more information.

Code of Practice



The Code of Practice for Wales gives advice to staff about the Mental Health Act.

They have to think about what the code says when making decisions about your care.

You can ask staff to look at a copy or visit:

<http://gov.wales/docs/dhss/publications/160920mentalacten.pdf>

More Information



For more information follow the link below to Mind's website.

<http://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/legal-rights/community-treatment-orders-ctos/#.WBcjLEqLTow>

Letting your nearest relative know

A leaflet explaining this information will be given to your nearest relative.

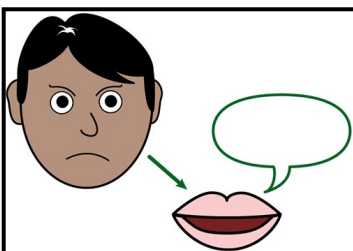
We understand your nearest relative is

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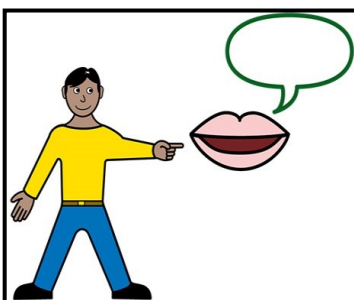
If you don't want them to have this information please tell your care team as soon as possible.

Making a Complaint

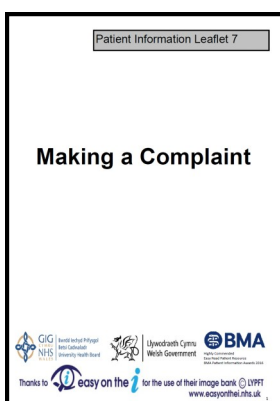
If you are unhappy with your care you can complain.



If you are unhappy about how you are treated you can talk to your care team.



You can also talk to your IMHA who can help you make a complaint.



If you would like more information about making a complaint there is another leaflet to help.

