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Discharge against Medical Advice

Status: Operational
Supplies no: WZM 054X

(Patient ID Sticker)

Name:
D.O.B:
NHS No:
Hospital No:

Ward

Patient Section:

I, am leaving hospital against advice of the medical and nursing staff. I take full responsibility for this action.

Signed:

Witness: (Doctor or Nurse)

Date:

Staff Section:

YES

NO

Does the patient understand why the Doctors and Nurses would like them to stay and the potential consequences of leaving?

Is the patient able to retain the information long enough to make the decision?

Can the patient weigh up the information available to make a decision (without input from anyone else)?

Can the patient communicate their decision?

If the answer to any questions is 'NO', the patient does not have capacity to self-discharge

Actions:

If patient does not have capacity, the patient can only be given treatment that is in their best interest.

If the patient does have capacity and self discharges from the Emergency Department, consider the following actions:

- Inform GP
- Contact Police to perform a 'welfare check'

In addition to the above, if the patient is 17 years or younger, consider:

- Contact Parents/Guardians
- Referral to the Health Visitor
- Complete pink 'Paediatric Liaison Form'