

Unique Identifier NO: TW.033.2012v2 Discharge against Medical Advice- ADULTS ONLY 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:

Name (capitals).....

Witness..... (Doctor or Nurse)

Date:

Staff Section:

Consider: Does the person have an impairment of the mind or brain or is there some sort of disturbance affecting the way their mind or brain works which could be directly affecting their ability to make this decision? (It doesn't matter whether the impairment or disturbance is temporary or permanent). Particularly consider if the patient's ability to weigh up and use (eg act on) information (their executive functioning) is impaired. If so, a Mental Capacity Act assessment **MUST** be completed <https://intranet.cht.nhs.uk/non-clinical-information/safeguarding/mental-capacity-act/deprivation-of-liberty-safeguards>

If the patient does not have the mental capacity to make this particular decision, follow the Best Interest's decision-making process <https://intranet.cht.nhs.uk/non-clinical-information/safeguarding/mental-capacity-act/deprivation-of-liberty-safeguards>. **If there are disagreements that cannot be resolved, consider a Safeguarding referral or legal advice and situation could be taken to the Court of Protection for direction.**

If patient requires restraint, consider use of the MCA where proportionate restraint is permitted for short periods of time to reduce potential harm to patient. If admitted as an in-patient and wishes to leave, consider the use of a Deprivation of Liberty Safeguard (Liberty Protection Safeguard from April 2022) or Section 5:2 of the Mental Health Act.

If a vulnerable patient leaves before the above can be completed and there are concerns about their wellbeing follow the Missing Persons Policy. If they appear to be being coerced by others, then contact the Safeguarding team for advice or during Out of Hours, contact the Local Authority Emergency Duty Team (Calderdale: 014222 88000, Kirklees: 01484 414933)