

Unique Identifier NO: TW.033.2012v2
**Discharge against
 Medical Advice- Children
 only (age<18)**
 Status: Operational
 Supplies no: WZM 054X

(Patient ID Sticker)

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

Ward

Patient Section:

Circle appropriate option

I am

A 16-18 year old patient - Does the patient have capacity to make this decision. Please complete the Mental Capacity Assessment form <https://intranet.cht.nhs.uk/non-clinical-information/safeguarding/mental-capacity-act/deprivation-of-liberty-safeguards>

- **If no capacity follow best interest policy.**
- **A child <16 (*Young people under 16 includes use of Gillick competence, if assessed and documented as competent by staff member, enabling them to make decision to DAMA. There is no legal lower age limit that this can be used for and it is context specific, also need to consider who the child/young person is being discharged into the care of*). Always act in the best interest of the child. If decision thought to be unsafe for child/young person, would need to consider safeguarding children action.**
- **Younger baby or child attending with adult/parent/carer who wish to DAMA. Always act in the best interest of the child - legally a person is still a child until their 18th birthday. If decision thought to be unsafe for child/young person, staff would need to consider safeguarding children action.**

Patient Section:

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

Signed:

Name in capitals.....

Relationship to patient if not patient.....

Witness.....(Doctor or Nurse)

Date: