



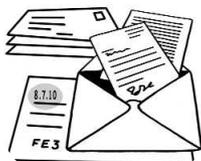
An advocate or relative can help you at a tribunal. Or you can have a solicitor to help you at the tribunal.



People from the tribunal will come and see you and listen to you. They may see someone who will speak for you.



They will speak to your doctor, social worker and read reports about your time in the hospital ward.



The tribunal will tell you what they decide and also send you a letter within 7 days of the meeting.



You can tell staff if you are not happy. Staff can tell you how to complain and help you to make a complaint.



You can also contact the Care Quality Commission if you are still not happy. The address is:

Citygate  
Gallowgate  
Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4PA  
Telephone. 03000 616161



## Section 2

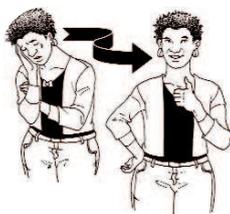
### Mental Health Act 1983

### Emergency admission for treatment

An easy read guide for patients admitted under Section 2



This leaflet will explain why you are admitted to a hospital ward. It will also explain what being on Section 2 means.



Your doctor feels you need to stay in hospital because you are ill. You need to be looked after in a safe place till you get better.



You are in a hospital ward because of Section 2 of the Mental Health Act 1983. The Mental Health Act is a law. The Mental Health Act can be used to make people go into hospital. The person is made to go into hospital because others think that they need help. Being made to stay in hospital is called being sectioned.



You may have to stay in the hospital ward on Section 2 for up to 28 days. This is so that you can have the right care to make you better.



The doctor will tell you when you are well enough to leave. If you try to leave before the doctor says you can, staff can stop you.



Your doctor will talk to you about any treatment that you may need, like your medicines.



If you want to leave, you or your relative can contact the hospital managers to ask them to let you leave. Ask staff to help you contact the hospital managers. The hospital managers do not work for the hospital ward.



The managers can take 3 days to look at your request and will ask for a report from your doctor.



It is important that you write to the Mental Health Act Administrator in the first two weeks that you are in the hospital ward. You can tell them you want to leave in a letter. You can ask a member of staff to help you.



You can also ask the Mental Health Review Tribunal to help you if you want to leave the hospital ward. They are a group of people who are not part of the hospital ward.



A meeting will then be arranged within 7 days. This is called a tribunal.