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# Hospital discharge information

It is important that our hospitals are ready to look after people who contract coronavirus (COVID-19) and need hospital care. Due to these pressures, once you no longer need care in hospital, as decided by the health team looking after you, you will be discharged. You will not have a choice over your discharge, but it is always our priority to discharge people to a safe and appropriate place.

In most cases this will be to your home. You might need some extra support, for example with your care needs or shopping.

If you require more complex out of hospital care, this could be in another bed in the community, for example a residential nursing home.

Your needs and discharge arrangements will be discussed with you.

## What is Coronavirus?

COVID-19 is a new illness that can affect the lungs and airways. It is caused by a virus called coronavirus.

There is currently no specific treatment and some people who contract the illness will need to be admitted to hospital.

You can find out more about coronavirus and the best ways to stop it spreading by visiting www.nhs.uk/coronavirus