What you need to know about leaving hospital

This document has been withdrawn as it is out of date. For the latest guidance go to:
https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/hospital-discharge-service-guidance
This Easy Read leaflet tells you what will happen after you leave hospital.

It is important that all hospitals have enough beds to look after people with coronavirus who need hospital care.

Coronavirus is also known as COVID-19.
What is COVID-19?

COVID-19 is a new illness that can make it hard for you to breathe.

It is caused by a virus called coronavirus.

There is no treatment for coronavirus.
Some people who get **coronavirus** will need to go to hospital.

To find out more about **coronavirus** and how to stop it spreading go to:

[www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)
What happens when I leave hospital?

Hospitals are under pressure to look after people with coronavirus.

You will need to leave hospital when:

- you do not need hospital care
- you can get the right care outside hospital.
Your **health team** will decide when you leave.

When you leave hospital, it is very important that you:

- stay safe
- get the right care.

In most cases you will go **home**.
When you go home you may need care and support:

- to get dressed
- to wash
- to do shopping.

If you need more care and support, you may need to go to a care home or nursing home.
Before you leave hospital, someone will talk to you:

- about your care and support needs

- about the best way for you to leave hospital.