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<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/hospital-discharge-service-guidance>

# When you leave hospital to go home



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This **Easy Read leaflet** tells you:



- why you need to leave hospital



- what will happen after you leave hospital.



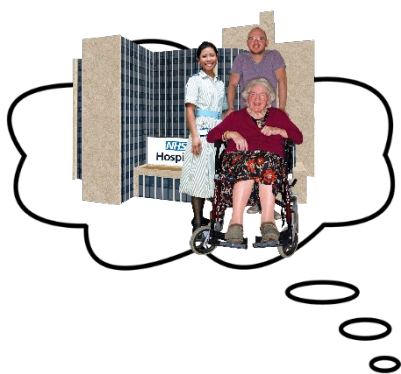
You will leave hospital when:



- you do not need hospital care



- you can get the right care outside of hospital.



## Why am I leaving hospital?



You are leaving hospital because your **health team**



has agreed that you can go **home**.



**NHS**



## Can I stay in hospital?

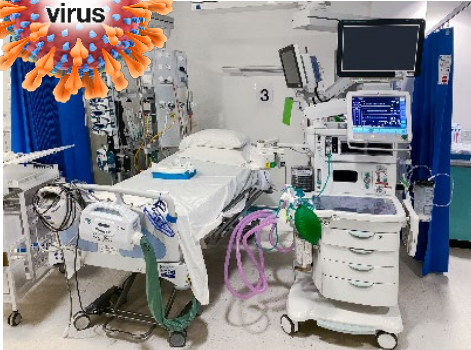
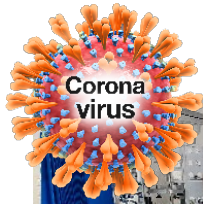
No, because the **NHS** is busy helping patients who have **coronavirus**, which is also known as **COVID-19**.



**Coronavirus** is a new illness that can make it hard for you to breathe.



Some people who get the illness will need to go to hospital.



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



So, you will leave hospital as soon as it is safe for you to go home.

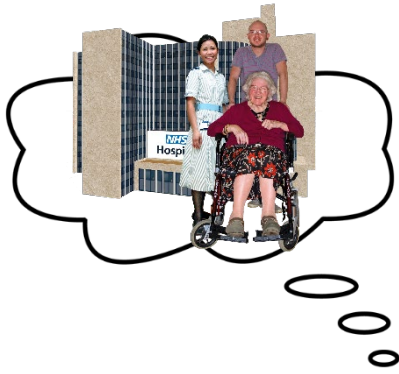


If you refuse the care offered to you

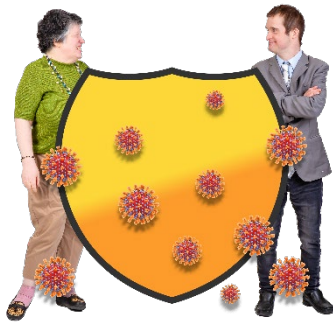


you **cannot** stay in hospital.





## What will happen when I leave hospital?



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

- stay safe



- get the right care.



Before you leave hospital, someone will talk to you:



- about the best way to leave hospital



- how you are going to travel home.



A family member, friend or carer can join you for this talk.

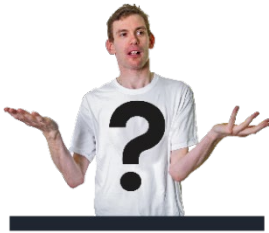




We will make sure you get care and support at home if you need it.



The **NHS** will pay for any care or support you need to help you get better.



## Who can I contact?



After you leave hospital:

- if you are worried about your health
- if you need to speak to someone about your care.



You can get in touch with:



Call <local telephone number>

