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

Leaving hospital to go to a care home



HM Government





This **Easy Read leaflet** tells you:



- why you need to leave hospital



- what will happen after you leave hospital.



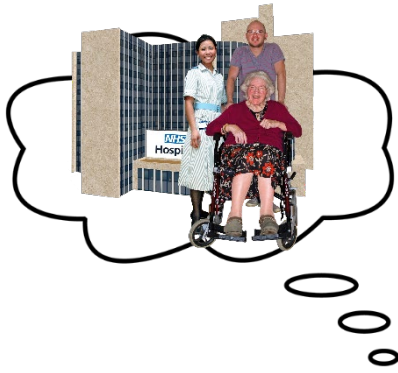
You will leave hospital when:



- 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 you can get better in a **care home** or **nursing home**.



Can I stay in hospital?

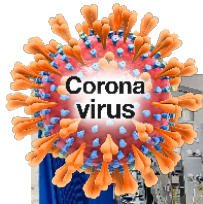
No, because the **NHS** is busy helping patients who have **coronavirus**, which is also known as **COVID-19**.



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 we have enough **beds** in our hospitals to look after people with **coronavirus** who need hospital care.



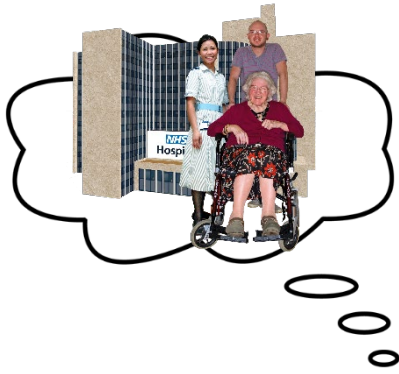
So, you will leave hospital as soon as it is safe.



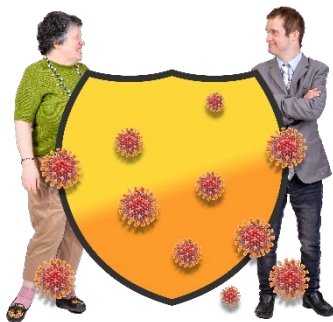
If you refuse the care offered



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** to a care home or nursing home.



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



When you leave hospital,
you will get:



- the **care and support** you need



- a **bed** in a care home or a nursing home.



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



After you leave hospital you may stay in more than one **care home** or **nursing home**.



This is because the NHS want to find the best place for your long-term care.



Your **health team** can answer any questions you may have.



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



please get in touch with:



<Name of local team>



Call <local telephone number>

