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

# What you need to know about leaving hospital



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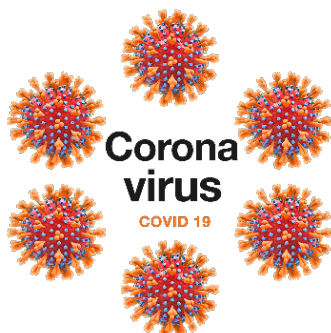
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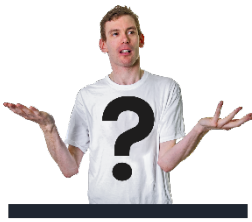
what will happen after you  
leave hospital.



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



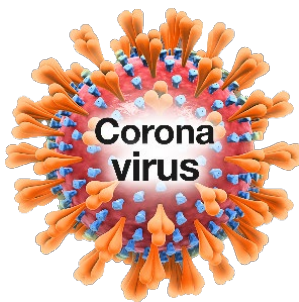
**Coronavirus** is also known as  
**COVID-19.**



## 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](https://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:



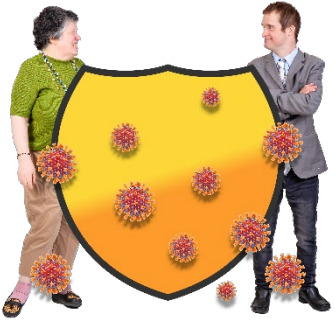
- you do not need hospital care



- 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.



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