

Warrant to Search for and Remove to a Place of Safety

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Why am I here?

Some mental health professionals think:

- You might be mentally unwell
- **And** you need urgent help



This may be because:

- You are unable to care for yourself

Or

- You are being badly treated

Or

- You are not being looked after



The police have brought you here because
this is a **Place of Safety**

It is somewhere you can be kept safe until
you get the help you need.



How long must I stay here?

You can be kept here for **24 hours (1 day)**



If you try to leave before the doctor says you may, you will be brought back

If a doctor has not seen you and 24 hours is up, you may leave.

Please tell a member of staff before you go.



What happens next?

You will be seen by:

- A doctor

And

- **An Approved Mental Health Professional**



An Approved Mental Health Professional is a person with special training in mental health

They may decide:

- You need to stay in hospital for longer. This might be even if you want to go home

Or

- You can go home



Who else will be told I am here?

The **Approved Mental Health Professional** will also talk to your **Nearest Relative**

A **Nearest Relative** is usually someone in your family

You cannot choose who this is. The law says who your Nearest Relative is

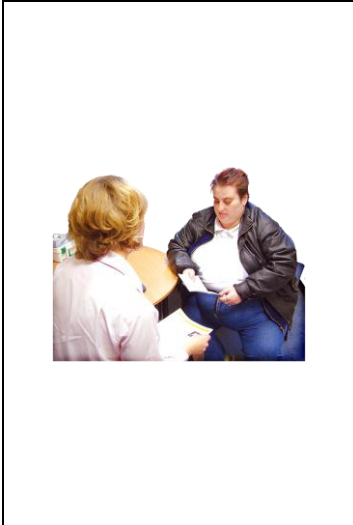
The Approved Mental Health Professional will tell you who your Nearest Relative is

It is the job of your **Nearest Relative** to:

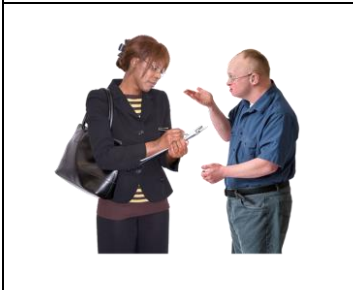
- Look out for you

And

- Make sure your wishes and choices are heard and understood



If you do not want them to be involved then please tell the **Approved Mental Health Professional**



Can I Appeal?

No, you must stay even if you don't want to

What if I am not happy about my stay in this Place of Safety?

You can complain about anything to do with your care and treatment

You can talk to:

- A member of staff at the hospital

And

- A member of the complaints team at Kent County Council:
03000 410410

And

- The Care Quality Commission:
03000 616161

