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This is about support you will have when you leave hospital.

Your illness might affect you in different ways. The NHS and social services call these things your ‘needs’.

The NHS and social services need to give you support to help with your needs.

Before you leave hospital there will be a meeting to work out what help you need.

This will be called your care plan.
The meeting will decide about:

- Who will be your named care co-ordinator and any other people who might support you – like a social worker or a psychologist.

- If there are any risks to your mental health.

- And if you have any other difficulties.

- And where you will live.

- And money, benefits and direct payments.
• And if there are family and friends who can support you.

• And education and work and going out.

• And how to know if you are getting ill again.

Social Services and health teams have to meet together to talk about what you need.

This is to make sure you get the right care when you need it.
You will not have to pay for this care and support if it is to help with your mental health when you leave hospital.

You will have to pay for any other social care services. Your social worker will tell you about this.

Your Aftercare services will only stop when the NHS and social services say you no longer need them.

You may still be able to have other services from the NHS or social services, like help from your Community Mental Heath Team.
Privacy notice

Hampshire County Council Adults’ Health and Care department and the NHS work together to give you the support you need when you come out of hospital.

Section 117 of the Mental Health Act 1983 says they must do this.

To work together, Hampshire County Council Adults’ Health and Care department, your NHS Foundation Trust and West Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) need to share some information about you.

We may also need to share your information with care providers.
We will share your personal details, for example:

- your name

- your date of birth

- your address

- your gender.

We may share other information to help assess your needs and give you the best support for your needs.
We will talk to you about the information we need to share.

This may include sharing information about:

- your medical history
- mental or physical health
- offending history
- or sexual life.
We will only share this information if it is needed to assess or give you aftercare services.

Hampshire County Council and West Hampshire CCG also use your information to make sure we are making the right decisions about how much money is needed to help people.

The Mental Health Act 1983 says we are allowed to use your personal information to assess and give aftercare services.

We will only keep your personal information for the time we are allowed to.
You can find out more about your personal information and your legal rights in our ‘Your Information’ booklet.

If you have any questions you can ask Hampshire County Council’s Data Protection Officer.

Call: 01964 847374

If you are not happy about the way we are using your personal information, you can telephone us:

Call: 0300 555 1386
Or telephone the Information Commissioner’s Office:

Call: **0303 123 111**.

Any problems or questions?

If you have any problems or questions about aftercare services, talk to your care co-ordinator or social worker.

An advocate might be able to help you do this. An advocate can help you to understand decisions about your care and to say what you want.

Mental Health Advocacy in Hampshire is provided by Hampshire Advocacy:

[www.hampshireadvocacy.org.uk/mental-health](http://www.hampshireadvocacy.org.uk/mental-health)