






EMERGENCY DETENTION – DOCTOR’S HOLDING POWER
(Section 5(2) Mental Health Act 1983)

Your name	
The person in charge of your treatment	


Why can I not leave Eastway?

	<p>You agreed to come to Eastway because you were unwell and needed help.</p> <p>You have decided to leave Eastway.</p> <p>The doctor thinks you are still unwell and it would not be safe to let you leave Eastway.</p>
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How long do I have to stay in Eastway?


	<p>You have to stay in Eastway until you are seen by the person in charge of your care.</p> <p>This will be no more than 72 hours.</p>
	<p>You must not leave until the person in charge has seen you.</p> <p>The nurses have told them to come and see you.</p> <p>If you try and leave the staff can stop you.</p>

What happens next?


	The person in charge of your care will decide when they see you if you
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	<p>can leave Eastway.</p> <p>If the doctor decides it is not safe to let you leave Eastway then they can use the law to make you stay.</p> <p>2 other registered professionals must agree with them.</p>
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What treatment will I be given?

	<p>You cannot be given any treatment you do not want unless it is an emergency.</p>
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How do I complain?

	<p>We have a leaflet that tells you how to make a complaint.</p> <p>Staff will give you a copy of the leaflet.</p>
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Further help and information

If there is anything you do not understand about your care or treatment a member of staff will try to help you.

Please ask if you would like a copy of this leaflet for someone else.

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