

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 Greenways?

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

	<p>You have to stay in Greenways 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 can leave Greenways.

If the doctor decides it is not safe to let you leave Greenways then they can use the law to make you stay.

2 other registered professionals must agree with them.

What treatment will I be given?



You cannot be given any treatment you do not want unless it is an emergency.

How do I complain?



We have a leaflet that tells you how to make a complaint.

Staff will give you a copy of the leaflet.

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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