

## TRANSFER FROM PRISON TO HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT WITH RESTRICTIONS

(Section 47 and 49 of the Mental Health Act 1983)

Your name	
The person in charge of your treatment	
Date section 47 and 49 began	

### Why am I in Alderley Unit?



You are in Alderley Unit under section 47 and section 49 of the Mental Health Act 1983.

You have been moved from prison to the Alderley Unit.



This is because 2 doctors have told the ministry of justice that you have a mental disorder and that you need to be in the Alderley Unit for treatment.

This section also has restrictions.

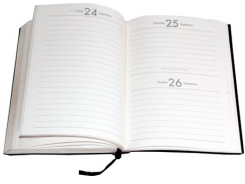
### What are the restrictions?

You cannot leave the Alderley Unit unless the Ministry of Justice says that you can leave.

The person in charge of your care must ask the Ministry of Justice to say yes if you want any temporary leave or if you need to move to another hospital.

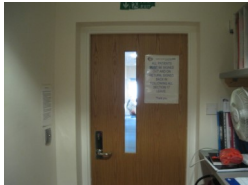
You must have an examination every year and this is sent to the Ministry of Justice.

## How long will I be in Alderley Unit?



The person in charge of your care will tell you when they think you are well enough to leave Alderley Unit.

The person in charge of your care will then ask the ministry of justice to say yes.



You must not leave the Alderley Unit unless the ministry of justice says you can leave.

If you leave the unit without this permission you will be brought back.

## Can I go back to prison?

If the staff in charge of your care think you no longer need treatment you could go back to prison to serve the rest of your sentence.



### **What happens if my sentence ends while I am in the Alderley Unit?**

If your sentence ends and you still need treatment then you will have to stay at the Alderley Unit.

## What treatment will I be given?



The staff looking after you will talk to you about any treatment they think you need.

After 3 months you can say if you do not want medicine or drugs.

A doctor from another hospital will visit you and talk to you and the staff at the Alderley Unit.



The doctor from another hospital will decide what medicine and drugs you can be given.

## What if I want to leave Alderley Unit?

You can also ask the staff to help you write to the Hospital Managers at:

**Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Trust**

**Mental Health Act Team**

**Redesmere**

**Countess of Chester Health Park**

**Liverpool Road**

**Chester**

**CH2 1BQ**



In the first 6 months you can ask the tribunal to say you can leave Alderley Unit.

After 6 months you and your nearest relative can ask the tribunal to say that you can leave Alderley Unit.

The name of your nearest relative is on page 4 of this leaflet.

## What is the Tribunal?



The tribunal is an independent group of people.

They decide if you should be allowed to leave Alderley Unit.

They will have a meeting with you and staff from Alderley Unit.

If you want to apply to the Tribunal you can write to:

**The Tribunals Service**

**PO BOX 8793**

**5<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**Leicester**

**LE1 8BN**

**Tel: 0845 2232022**

You can ask a solicitor to write to the Tribunal for you and help you.

The staff can give you the names of solicitors who can help you.



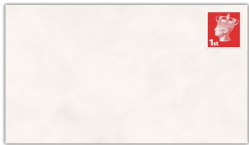
## What happens if the Tribunal says I should not be kept at Alderley Unit?

The Ministry of Justice is unlikely to say that you can leave Alderley Unit before you have finished your sentence.

You may go back to prison to finish your sentence.



## Your letters



You will get all letters sent to you.

You can send letters to other people unless they do not want a letter from you.

## 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.

You can also get help from a **mental health advocate**.

An advocate is someone who can support you and speak up for you at any time.

If you would like an advocate, speak to the staff.

There is an advocate at Alderley Unit who can come and talk to you.



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