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# Mental Health Act Leaflets Easy Read Versions



Information for staff

## Introduction to the leaflets



Easy read versions of the mental health act patient information leaflets are now available for:

- Section 2
- Section 3
- Section 5(2)
- Section 5(4)
- Additional sections for Alderley Unit

The leaflets have been individualised for each assessment and treatment unit within learning disability services:

- Eastway
- Greenways
- Alderley Low Secure Service

Up to date versions of all the leaflets can be found on the learning disability leaflets page of the Internet <a href="https://www.cwp.nhs.uk">www.cwp.nhs.uk</a>

# **Using the information leaflets**

Reading and understanding written information can be very difficult for people with learning disabilities.

Although this information has been developed in an easier to read format it is still important to remember that patients will always require support to go through the information and understand/apply what this means for themselves.

The information has been developed as simply as possible but due to the legality of the information certain words and phrases have to remain e.g. 'mental disorder', 'registered professional', 'tribunal', 'nearest relative' and these will require further explanation to the patient. It is also important to acknowledge the communication abilities of the patient you are supporting and being able to adapt the language to suit their individual needs.

The section leaflets contain topic headings (in bold) which must all be addressed when discussing the information with the patient. The information within each topic can be adapted and should only be read out word for word when this would be meaningful to the patient.

In supporting the patient it is also important to ensure any requests for further help or information have been followed through such as access to advocacy, complaints information etc as mentioned within the leaflets. **Remember:** 

# The information should always be provided with support.

The leaflets should always be printed in colour.

### Feedback on the leaflets

The leaflets were piloted for 6 months from January– June 2010 within all 3 assessment and treatment units.

During this time feedback from staff and patients using the leaflets was extremely helpful and told us that easy read versions were needed.

If you have any questions about accessing or using the leaflets or if you wish to provide any further feedback please contact your local service.

- Eastway 01244 397224
- Greenways 01625 508550
- Alderley Low Secure Service 01625 890052