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Mental Health Tribunal - Rights and Responsibilities



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Mental Health Review Tribunal



Anyone sectioned under the Mental Health Act has the right to appeal.

This means you can have a Review Tribunal to check your section.

Your Mental Health Team should tell you about your right to appeal.



You can ask for an appeal or ask:

- a member of staff
- a solicitor (free of charge)
- an advocate.



In Review Tribunals there are 3 people on the Panel who do not work with your mental health team:

- A lawyer (Chairperson)
- A medical person (Psychiatrist)
- A person who is not a lawyer or medical person (lay person)

Rights and Responsibilities



Before the Review Tribunal your Mental Health Team will write reports about your mental health.

Your Mental Health Team will send the reports to your solicitor and to the Tribunal Panel.



Before your Review Tribunal meeting your solicitor will talk to you about what the reports say and what you think.

The Doctor on the Tribunal Panel will talk to you to see how you are feeling and how your mental health is.

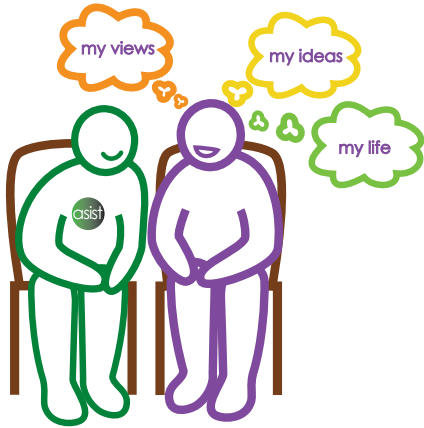
At the Review Tribunal meeting it is the chairperson's job to make sure everyone has a chance to speak and ask questions.

The Tribunal panel will decide if you need to stay on your section or not.

You will find out the decision soon after the Review Tribunal meeting.



Your Advocate



Your advocate can support you, listen to you, ask questions for you.



Your advocate can find more information for you.

Just ask...



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