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# Information for patients and carers

## Discharge to a “discharge to assess” bed



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Nursing Directorate – Discharge Services

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## **You are being discharged to a “discharge to assess” bed**

You are now well enough to be discharged from hospital. Staying in hospital longer than you need is not good for your health and we are sure you would prefer to be somewhere more comfortable.

To ensure you receive the right level of care to meet your ongoing needs, we are discharging you to a 24hr care setting in the community that can meet your needs.

You are moving to this setting to allow time for you to recuperate outside the hospital in a more suitable environment in order to assess what your ongoing needs are and where they could be best met.

Transport to the care setting will be provided for you if your family or friends are unable to take you.

### **Things you need to know**

Your ‘discharge to assess’ placement will last until your assessment is complete, this could take up to a maximum of 28 days.

Wherever possible our aim is to always support you to return home.

During your stay you will have the required assessments to support decision-making around your ongoing needs.

You will be fully involved in these assessments, or you may nominate somebody to act on your behalf who must be available at the relevant times.

During the placement you will be supported to recuperate and improve your independence where possible.

## Do I have to pay?

There will be no charge to you during your stay until your assessments are complete apart from personal spending on items such as newspapers and hairdressers.

The process for establishing whether you are eligible for further financial support will be discussed with you during your stay. You will also be given a 'financial implications' leaflet to help you understand this in more detail. You will also be offered the support to maximise any potential benefits as part of the financial assessment process. You will be advised from when there are any financial implications to your stay.

Please note, alternative funding arrangements for any onward care will need to be in place by the end of your placement, otherwise you will be fully liable for the cost of your care after 28 days.

## Contact details

Should you require further advice or information prior to your discharge please speak to your discharge facilitator. Following your discharge please contact adult social care on 0300 123 6720.

## Sources of further information

[www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk](http://www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk)

[www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

[www.accessable.co.uk](http://www.accessable.co.uk)

[www.patient.co.uk](http://www.patient.co.uk)

All our patient information leaflets are available on our website for patients to access and download:

[www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/patient-information-leaflets](http://www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/patient-information-leaflets)

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Please ask if you would like help in understanding this information. This information can be made available in large print and in other languages.

**Gujarati:**

આ માહિતીને સમજવામાં સહાયતા જોઈતી હોય તો કૃપાકરીને પૂછો. આ માહિતી મોટા છપાણામાં અને અન્ય ભાષામાં ઉપલબ્ધ કરી શકાય છે.

**Romanian:**

Vă rugăm să întrebați dacă aveți nevoie de ajutor pentru înțelegerea acestor informații. Aceste informații pot fi puse la dispoziție în format mare și în alte limbi."

**Polish:**

Poinformuj nas, jeśli potrzebna jest ci pomoc w zrozumieniu tych informacji. Informacje te można również udostępnić dużym drukiem oraz w innych językach

**Punjabi:**

ਜੇ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਇਹ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਸਮਝਣ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਮਦਦ ਲੈਣੀ ਚਾਹੋਗੇ ਤਾਂ ਕਰਿਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਇਸ ਬਾਰੇ ਪੁੱਛੋ। ਇਹ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਵੱਡੇ ਪ੍ਰਿੰਟ ਅਤੇ ਹੋਰਨਾਂ ਭਾਸ਼ਾਵਾਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਮੁਹੱਈਆ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀ ਹੈ।

**Urdu:**

دوسری زبانوں اور بڑی اگر آپ کو ہی معلومات سمجھنے کے لیے مدد کی ضرورت ہے تو  
پوچھنا یجن یہ ابی دست ہو یسکت ہے براے مہر یمان پو یچھدی۔ معلومات

**Arabic:**

مطبوعه بأحرف كبيرة و بلغات إذا كنت تريد مساعدة في فهم هذه المعلومات يرجى أن تطلب  
أخرى يملفن تو فسير هذه المعلومات

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