

Mind in Croydon Advocacy Service

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Your right to an IMHA - Easy Read

There is a law called the Mental Health Act.

This law says when you can be sent to hospital or kept in hospital, even when you do not want to be there.

This is sometimes called 'being sectioned'.



The Law says you have the right to help from an Independent Mental Health Advocate (IMHA).



An IMHA:

Works for you. They do not work for the hospital or social services. This means they are independent





Will not give out information about you to services unless you say it is OK. This is called confidentiality.

Will not charge you for their support. The service is free.





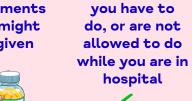
Will not make you work with them if you do not want to.

An IMHA can help you to understand:

Your rights under the Law

Why you have been made to go into hospital

What treatments you might be given











Anything that

An IMHA will:



Listen to your views and wishes without judging you

Make sure your voice and views are heard.





Make sure you are fully involved in decisions being made about you.

An IMHA can help you to:



Speak to the people treating you by going to meetings with you.

Appeal against being in hospital.





Get your medical records.