



# Mental Health Act 1983

## 1983 CHAPTER 20

### PART II

#### COMPULSORY ADMISSION TO HOSPITAL AND GUARDIANSHIP

##### *[<sup>F1</sup>Duration of authority and discharge]*

#### **25 Restrictions on discharge by nearest relative.**

- (1) An order for the discharge of a patient who is liable to be detained in a hospital shall not be made [<sup>F1</sup>under section 23 above] by his nearest relative except after giving not less than 72 hours' notice in writing to the managers of the hospital; and if, within 72 hours after such notice has been given, the [<sup>F2</sup>responsible clinician] furnishes to the managers a report certifying that in the opinion of [<sup>F3</sup>that clinician] the patient, if discharged, would be likely to act in a manner dangerous to other persons or to himself—
- (a) any order for the discharge of the patient made by that relative in pursuance of the notice shall be of no effect; and
  - (b) no further order for the discharge of the patient shall be made by that relative during the period of six months beginning with the date of the report.
- [<sup>F4</sup>(1A) Subsection (1) above shall apply to an order for the discharge of a community patient as it applies to an order for the discharge of a patient who is liable to be detained in a hospital, but with the reference to the managers of the hospital being read as a reference to the managers of the responsible hospital.]
- (2) In any case where a report under subsection (1) above is furnished in respect of a patient who is liable to be detained in pursuance of an application for admission for treatment [<sup>F5</sup>, or in respect of a community patient,] the managers shall cause the nearest relative of the patient to be informed.

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