

Order for Discharge under Section 23 of the Mental Health Act 1983

To the managers of East London NHS Foundation Trust,

[ENTER HOSPITAL ADDRESS IN WHICH PATIENT IS DETAINED OR (IF SUPERVISED COMMUNITY TREATMENT) THE RESPONSIBLE HOSPITAL]

My name and address is

[GIVE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS]

[Complete A, B or C]

A. To the best of my knowledge and belief, I am the nearest relative (within the meaning of the Mental Health Act 1983) of _____ [NAME OF PATIENT].

OR

B. I have been authorised to exercise the functions of the nearest relative of _____ [NAME OF PATIENT] by the county court.

OR

C. I have been authorised to exercise the functions of the nearest relative of _____ [NAME OF PATIENT] by that persons nearest relative.

I give you notice of my intention to discharge the person named above, and I order their discharge from _____

[SAY WHEN YOU WANT THE PATIENT DISCHARGED FROM DETENTION OR SUPERVISED COMMUNITY TREATMENT].

[Please note: you must leave at least 72 hours between when the hospital managers get this letter and when you want the patient discharged.]

Signed _____ Date _____