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Visiting people



Why the Mental Welfare Commission visits people

The Mental Welfare Commission tries to make sure that people with learning disabilities and people with mental health problems are properly treated.

People from the Commission visit people in hospitals, care homes and other places.

Why someone from the Mental Welfare Commission wants to visit you

The Commission comes to visit you so that they can ask you what you think about your care and treatment. If there is a problem the person from the Commission will tell the people who are caring for you so they can put things right.

When the Mental Welfare Commission will visit you

Someone from the Mental Welfare Commission might visit you if someone has said they are worried about you.

Someone from the Mental Welfare Commission might visit you if you have been sent to hospital or have had **medical treatment** that you did not want.

Medical treatment means pills, medicine, counselling or anything else that will help you to get better when you are ill.

Welfare guardian

A person from the Commission might visit you if you have a **welfare guardian**.

A welfare guardian makes big decisions for you. They can decide things like where you live, who looks after you or how you spend your money.

Your family, carers, or social workers can apply to be your welfare guardian. A court must decide who should be your welfare guardian.

What happens when someone from the Mental Welfare Commission comes to see you

They ask what you think about your care and treatment.

They ask if you know what your rights are.

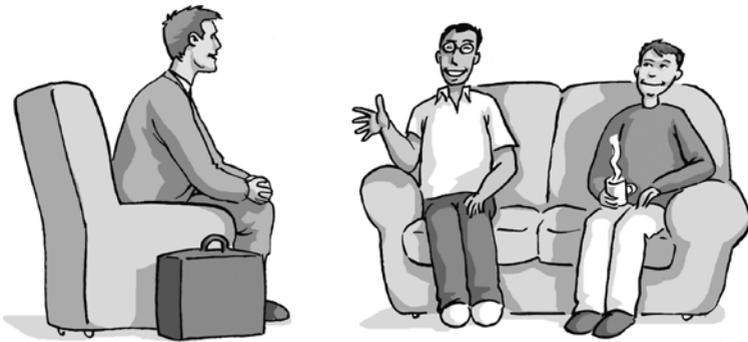
They give you information about your rights.

If you need an advocate they can help you get one.

You say who will be with you when someone visits

You can meet the person from the Mental Welfare Commission on your own, or you can have someone else with you. You can ask a friend, your carer, guardian or advocate.

The person from the Mental Welfare Commission will meet you in private.



These visits are important

The visits help the Commission to see that you are treated properly.

Get in touch



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