All About Me

My name is:		
I prefer to be called:		

This booklet will help you to get to know me while I am in hospital.

A photo of me





I live at:_____



I was born on:



My doctor is:_____



My carer is:_____



My carer's telephone number is:_____

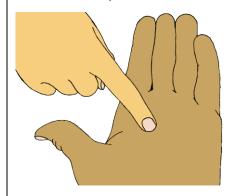
Communication

This is how I speak or communicate with you:

(Examples: Sign language, symbols, pictures, gestures, pointing / showing, simple words or sentences)



I may sometimes use sounds, noises or gestures; if I do, this is what they mean: (Examples: A particular sound that I make, gesture or facial expression that I use to tell people how I am feeling or what I want)



This is my level of understanding and ability to give consent:



(Examples: How simple or complex information needs to be for me to understand treatment and how my condition affects me)

If I lack capacity, these are the people who are legally able to give consent on my behalf:



PLEASE complete a Mental Capacity Act Assessment if there is any question about my capacity to make decisions.

(Example: Court appointed deputy, person with Lasting Power of Attorney.)

If I use aids to help me communicate, these are the things I use:



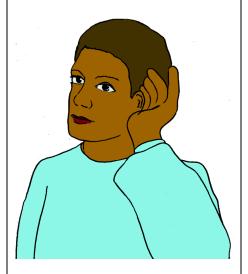


This is my level of reading and writing:



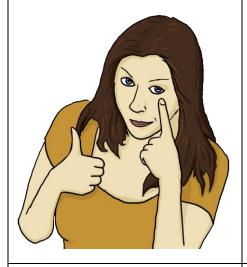
(Examples: say if I can recognise or write my own name, can I read and write complex or simple sentences)

This is how well I hear and the aids I use:



(Examples: Say if I have a good or not so good "side", whether I should be able to see your lips when you speak to me, do I wear a hearing aid?)

This is how well I see and the aids I use:



(Examples: Say if I have a better "side" for you to approach me, whether I can lip read, if certain lights bother me, do I wear glasses?)

Any other information about my communication that may help you.

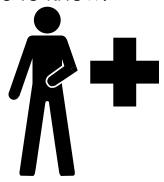


(Please use this space to give any other information about the way I communicate)

Current Medical Conditions

These are my relevant health conditions which might be useful for you to know:

(Examples: I might have Epilepsy, Asthma, heart conditions, mental health conditions, Autism. Please do not give confidential details that are not relevant to my current reason for admission)



These are things that I am allergic to:

(Examples: Say if I am allergic to a particular medicine, plasters, food, drink or anything else)



This is a brief medical history of me that may be relevant to me current care:



(Examples: Any previous admissions I have had to hospital)

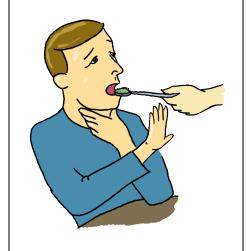
Medication

This is the medication I currently take:

(Examples: Name of medication, how much I have to take and the time I need to take it, whether it is tablet, liquid or injection)



This is how I take my medication:



(Examples: Whether I can take it independently, someone gives it to me, how I take it – with water or food)

Pain

This is how I show that I am in pain:



(Example: this could be the noises I make, how I look, whether I point to my pain or whether I am quieter or noisier than usual)

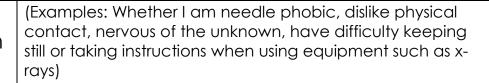
Anxieties and Fears

These are the fears and anxieties I might have and ways you can support me:



(Examples: Whether I dislike crowded places, noise, strangers and environments and if waiting in these areas should be avoided. Do I need to be prepared for any unfamiliar situations or changes in my routine?)

This is how I tolerate medical intervention like physical examinations, injections, drips or other things:



These are the times when I might need someone I know to stay with me whilst I



(Examples: Do I need a familiar face during the day to keep me calm and explain to me what is happening. Am I okay at night? Name people important to me. Do I need someone I know to advocate for me or go to x-rays or other tests with me?)

Behaviours that Challenge

If I behave in a way that can challenge these are the things you might see: (Examples: Shouting, running, refusing to move. Other behaviours that may make it difficult to engage with me.)



These are the things that may cause me to behave in this way:

(Examples: Pain, frustration, boredom, sensory overload, hunger, being touched. I may use these behaviours as a form of communication.)



These are the things that you can do to distract me or support me to relax:



(Examples: Listening to me, putting on music, finding somewhere quiet for me, giving me food or a drink.)

Mobility			
This is how I move around:	(Examples: Say whether I am fully mobile, whether I have difficulty in some situations such as stairs, uneven floor, using a bathroom, do I need help turning or moving me on a regular basis)		
This is the assistance I need to help me move around:	(Examples: If I use a wheelchair, what type I use, whether I use it all the time or just in certain situations, if I use a stick or frame or if I need support from one or more people when I walk)		
A photo of how I use equipment to move around:	(Please add a photo if you can)		
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Eating and Drinking

This is what I eat and drink:

(Examples: My favourite food and drinks, things I particularly dislike, whether I have a specific health, personal or cultural diet)



This is the help I need when eating:

(Examples: Help with cutting my food, if I choke or have swallowing problems, show me where my food is if I have difficulty seeing it)



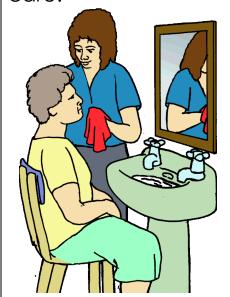
These are the aids I use when eating:

(Examples: Special equipment, Nasogastric tube, Gastronomy tube, special cup or cutlery)



Personal Care

This is the help I need with my personal care:



(Example: What I can do independently, what I need some support with, what I need full support with, whether I need prompting/reminding, how I feel about my personal care and my privacy / dignity)

These are the aids I use to help with my personal care:



(Example: I use a flannel to stop water getting in my eyes when I wash my hair)

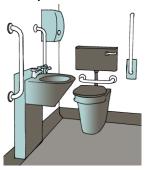
This is my usual sleep routine:



(Examples: What time I sleep, whether I sleep all night or if I wake up regularly, do I need the toilet at night? Do I get up at night?)

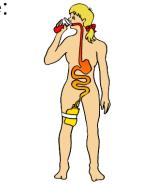
Continence

This is the help I need with my continence:



(Examples: I might be independent or fully incontinent. I might need some prompting or total support. I might need help with my hygiene. I may suffer from constipation)

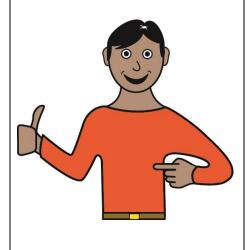
These are the aids I use:



(Examples: I may need pads all of the time or only at night. I may not be able to use a bottle and/or bed pan, I may need a raised toilet seat or hand rails beside the toilet)

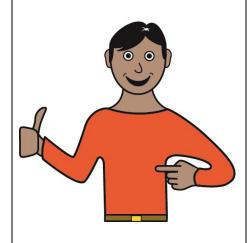
Keeping Safe

This is my usual behaviour:

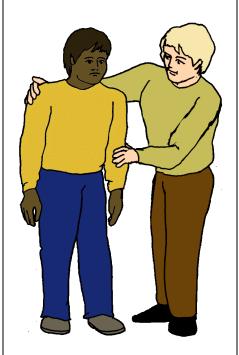


(Examples: Say if I might wander off and not know where I am, can I ask for help? Am I likely to abscond and if so, in what situations? Do I have a sense of danger? Can I recognise if my condition gets worse? I might have a tendency to fall due to a medical condition such as Epilepsy, do I hit myself or others and if so, under what conditions?)

This is my usual behaviour: (continued)



This is the help I need to keep me safe:

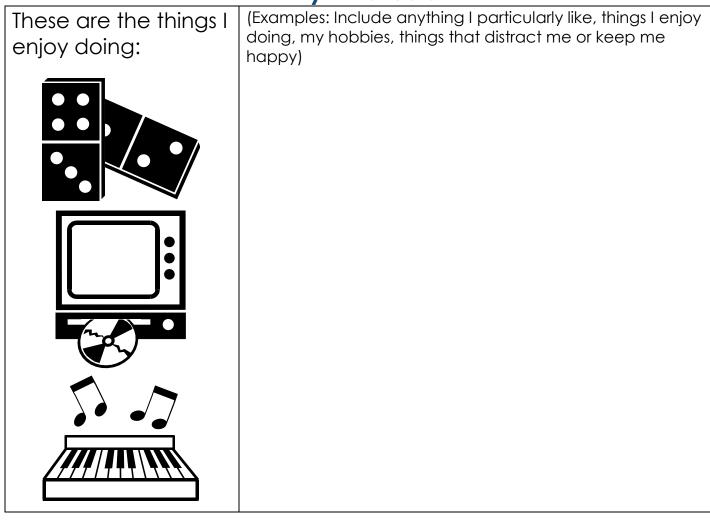


(Examples: I might need someone who knows me with me some or all of the time, I might need bed rails as I move around a lot or have Epilepsy, I might prefer a side room or enjoy the company of the main ward. Give examples of how to manage certain behaviours)

Important People

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These are the people who are most important to me:	(Examples: Certain family members, friends, colleagues)
This is a photo of:	(Please add a photo of someone important to me if you can)
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My Interests



Please use the space below to add any additional information which you feel might be important for care staff to know.

(Examples: My religion and how this affects the support I need)				