

## Initial Assessment

You must have the purpose of the assessment explained in the presence of a support person.

### 1st Period of Assessment

Can be for up to 5 days.

### 2nd Period of Assessment

Can be for up to 14 days.

*You have the right to a lawyer; you have the right to apply for a s.16 review.*

*If your responsible clinician considers a CTO necessary they apply for a CTO and there will be a hearing before a judge.*

*You have the right to a lawyer to represent you. The Judge will decide if a CTO is granted.*

*If granted, the CTO lasts 6 months.*

*If you do not agree with the order, after 3 months you can apply to the Mental Health Review Tribunal to have your status reviewed.*

*If your responsible clinician considers the CTO should be extended past 6 months, they apply to the Court.*

*You have the right to a lawyer to represent you. A Judge will decide if an extension is granted.*

*If granted, the CTO extension lasts another six months. If your responsible clinician considers the CTO should be extended again they apply for an indefinite extension.*

*If required, a hearing is held for an indefinite CTO.*

*You have the right to a lawyer to represent you. A Judge will decide if the indefinite CTO is granted.*

*If an indefinite CTO is granted, this does not mean it lasts forever.*

*You can apply to the Mental Health Review Tribunal to have your status reviewed if you do not agree with the order.*

For more information see *The Mental Health Act and You Brochure*

