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Mental Health Act 2014 – Flowchart
Examination of a referred person by a psychiatrist at an authorised hospital

Person arrives at the authorised hospital on a *Form 1A – Referral*, or a *Form 3D – Order authorising reception and detention at authorised hospital*, and is received.

(Note: Person cannot be received if the referral has expired or if 72 hours have passed since a Form 3D was made, and must be allowed to leave).

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Person can be detained at authorised hospital for up to **24 hours** from the time that the person was received.

(Note: If more than 24 hours have passed without the person being examined by a psychiatrist or an order being made, then person cannot continue to be detained and must be allowed to leave.)

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Psychiatrist must examine the person and make one of the following orders:

- An inpatient treatment order in an authorised hospital **Form 6A**
- A community treatment order **Form 5A**
- Continuation of detention to enable a further examination **Form 3C**

  (Note: This is not an option if the person arrived on a Form 3D)

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  Person can continue to be detained at authorised hospital for up to **72 hours** from the time that the person was received at the authorised hospital.

  (Note: If more than 72 hours have passed without the person being examined by a psychiatrist, then the person cannot continue to be detained and must be allowed to leave.)

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  Psychiatrist must examine the person and make one of the following orders:

  - An inpatient treatment order in an authorised hospital **Form 6A**
  - A community treatment order **Form 5A**
  - An order that the person cannot continue to be detained **Form 3E**
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