

s117 aftercare

in Southwark



What is s117 aftercare?

Southwark Council is jointly responsible with the relevant Clinical Commissioning Group for providing or arranging aftercare services if you have been detained in hospital under certain provisions of the Mental Health Act (1983).

We will provide or arrange aftercare services for you to:

- meet a need arising from or related to your mental disorder
- reduce the risk of your mental condition worsening and so reduce the risk of you being admitted to hospital again for treatment of the mental disorder.

How we decide if we can provide or arrange s117 aftercare services for you

You are entitled to s117 aftercare if you have been;

- detained in hospital for treatment on Section 3 of the Mental Health Act 1983
- transferred from prison to hospital on Sections 47 or 48 of the Mental Health Act 1983
- ordered to go to hospital by a court on Sections 37 or 45A of the Mental Health Act 1983

We will carry out an assessment with you to find out if you meet the criteria above.

How we will work with you if you are eligible for s117 aftercare

Once we have assessed your needs, we will develop a support plan with you in partnership with health colleagues/experts from the clinical commissioning group.

We will then arrange or provide the aftercare services that are set out in your support plan for you.

Help with the s117 process

You may be eligible for support from an independent mental health advocate to assist you with the s117 process (for example support to help you understand and take part in the s117 assessment and/or the s117 review).

Reviewing your s117 aftercare

At least once a year we will review your needs. You can ask for a review of your needs during the year if you require it.

Following any review we will provide you with information about the aftercare services you will receive and any changes to these services.

We will inform you of any charges you may need to pay if you are no longer eligible for s117 aftercare services if a social care package needs to be put in place. We will carry out a financial assessment for care and support needs that have been identified under the Care Act. It is likely you will need to contribute towards the cost of your care and support.