

# Ellingham Hospital School

## Exclusion Procedure

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### **Ellingham Hospital School**

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### **Exclusion at Ellingham Hospital School**

Ellingham Hospital School does not exclude any student for behaviours that are not in concordance with the Ellingham Hospital School Policy.

It is understood that students at Ellingham Hospital School are experiencing Mental Ill-Health and this in turn can result in undesirable and aggressive behaviours.

(Please see Ellingham Hospital School's Behaviour Policy as to how undesirable and/or negative behaviours are managed)

#### **Considerations:**

There will be occasions when students cannot attend school within the school building. This will be due to the Nurse in Charge deeming the student to not be 'safe' to leave their locked or secure ward to and attend school due to their presenting behaviour and overall mental state and their Section 17 is therefore revoked. On these occasions, the student's teacher will provide school work for the student to engage with whilst remaining on the ward and this will be overseen by the teacher and LSA who are ward based teachers.

For students who have had their Section 17 revoked, a telephone call is made on an hourly basis to the Nurse in Charge to ascertain the student's mental state and whether the Section 17 can subsequently be granted due to improvement upon their presenting behaviours.

If granted the student can resume their education within the school.

If the student's mental state deteriorates whilst within the school building, the classroom teacher will conduct a dynamic risk assessment and if it is deemed the student could become unsafe to themselves or others, they will be returned to the

ward to ensure the safety of themselves and others. If this is deemed necessary, the above process will be followed.

### **Ensuring Students do not Feel Excluded or 'Punished'.**

On these occasions, it is carefully and sensitively explained to students that the decision made to return them to their ward, is not as a direct result of their behaviour, it is as a means to care and to keep them safe. Students are also informed that when 'feeling better', they are welcome to return to school.

### **Extended Revoking of Section 17**

If a student's mental health and presentation deteriorates to the point that their Section 17 is frequently revoked over a two week period. This will be taken into consideration when completing their Mental Health Progress Profile Grid and if their scores indicate that their needs would currently be best met within the Nurture and Assessment Group, based on their ward, they will remain within this group, until such time their mental health improves and they can resume their usual group within the school building.

### **Working in Collaboration to Ensure a Student's Needs are Best Met**

All such decisions are made in agreement with the SLT within the Hospital and the School.