



Transcript: Allied Person

Name	Dialogue / Actions
Richard	<p>Hi again. I'm Richard. In this scenario we'll continue to follow Peter's story and explore the topic of the Allied Person.</p> <p>It's almost six months since Peter was admitted to the Blue Waters Authorised Mental Health Service and placed under an involuntary treatment order. Peter has been asking Edward about changing his nominated Allied Person before attending the Mental Health Review Tribunal next week, to have his involuntary treatment order reviewed. As Edward was unsure of the requirements, he told Peter he would check out what was required and get back to him. Let's take up the story where Edward sits down with Isobel, an experienced authorised mental health practitioner, to find out about how Peter can change his Allied Person.</p>
Edward	<p>I've been talking to Peter and he's asked about changing his Allied Person. I've not done this before. Would you mind running through the process so I give him the correct information?</p>
Isobel	<p>Peter can change or elect not to have an Allied Person at any time unless he is assessed as not having the capacity to choose an Allied Person. If Peter chooses to change his Allied Person, the administrator of the authorised mental health service needs to be informed using the <i>Allied Person nomination or change</i> form. Peter can fill this in or you can fill it in on his behalf. The administrator must then update his details. If Peter changes his Allied Person, an <i>appointment of Allied Person ceased</i> letter will also be sent out to the previous nominated person to let them know of the change.</p>
Edward	<p>Right, that makes sense. So am I right in saying that the Allied Person needs to be someone that Peter trusts to help him represent his views regarding his treatment under the Mental Health Act, and not what they believe to be in his best interest?</p>
Isobel	<p>Absolutely, however you also need to tell him that the person needs to be over 18 years old and his Allied Person can't be a health service employee at this treating service. Sometimes patients ask for staff to be their Allied Person, so it's good for them to understand that this can't happen. His Allied Person can attend the Tribunal hearing with him and assist him with expressing his views, wishes and interests relating to his treatment.</p> <p>You also need to give him another copy of the Brochures: <i>Your right to choose an Allied Person</i> and <i>Becoming an Allied Person</i>. One of the things he needs to know is that his Allied Person will be given information about his admission as an involuntary patient, changes to his status, when the Tribunal reviews are to occur and decisions made by the Tribunal.</p> <p>If he goes ahead with a change in his Allied Person, the change will take effect immediately. Someone from Peter's treating team should contact the person who he nominates to be his Allied Person to give this person information about what it means to be an Allied Person. The nominated person should also be given the opportunity to accept or decline being Peter's Allied Person. The new Allied Person will also be informed in</p>



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	<p>writing that they have been nominated to be Peter's Allied Person.</p> <p>Just remember as long as Peter has the capacity to make this decision, he has the right not to have an Allied Person. Also, if he is ever assessed as not having the capacity to make the decision about choosing an Allied Person, the administrator is required to nominate an Allied Person for him.</p>
Edward	<p>Thank you that's really good to know, I feel much more confident about having this chat with Peter now.</p>