

Section 12(2) approved course

Case 2

- ❖ Female, 37 years old, living with her 12-year-old daughter who has a severe neurodevelopmental disorder.
- ❖ Established diagnosis of recurrent depressive disorder – experienced a relapse due to non-concordance and stress. Admitted under Section 2 three weeks ago following a serious overdose involving 40 paracetamol tablets and vodka.
- ❖ She has made a good recovery on the ward after a change in her antidepressant and now wishes to return home to her daughter, despite this being against the advice of her Responsible Clinician (RC) and the clinical team.
- ❖ She had a tribunal yesterday, which discharged her after she agreed to remain informally for a few more days to optimise her medication and to allow social services to carry out care needs and carer assessments.
- ❖ You are the doctor on the ward. Nursing staff contact you as the patient has changed her mind and now wants to leave immediately. They ask you to consider placing her on a Section 5(2).

Discuss in your group what you would do.