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Request

My question is mostly about Sectioning. I've already emailed Mind about it but as they do say it's a bit of a delay I figured I should ask here too. So how far does Sectioning go?

For example:

If someone had intrusive thoughts to go to a specific closet at their old workplace or something, wearing a Halloween mask, and they just stood in there for days on end (knowing where food and water would be to keep themselves taken care of) whilst having a rather emotionless expression the whole time under the mask. And they peer out whenever someone, whether it's a former coworker or a random guest appears inside, and their thoughts involved hurting said person, as quickly as possible, for entering this space they deem their own now.

Would this be enough to count as a Section worthy thing? Even if the person thought he was able to control that side, despite a few instances where it feels like that side is coming out of its shadows a little bit? And him having some short-term quick fixes to help?

Clarification: I understand the general things such as "harm to oneself or others" as probably the biggest but mostly looking to understand the extent that means that it would be deemed necessary to qualify an individual to be sectioned.

Response

Please see links below regarding involuntarily detention within hospitals in England and Wales which are governed by the mental health act 1983

[Link1. Mental Health Act - NHS](#)

[Link 2 Mental Health Act 1983](#)