YOUR MEDICATION

Things you should know:

● You should know about your treatment plan.

● You should have been given clear information about your illness and about your medication.

● You should have been given clear information about the different medication options available to treat your illness.

● You should have been given clear information about any treatment options that don't involve medication.

● You should have been told about the potential side effects of your medication and what to do about them.

● You should have been given an opportunity to discuss with your doctor, your nurse or pharmacist how you feel about your medication.

Things you should ask:

● Why do I need to take medication and what will it do for me?

● How long will I have to take it for?

● What happens if I stop taking it?

● How often will my medication be reviewed?

● Are there any side effects and how likely are they to occur?

● Will my physical health be monitored to prevent long-term side effects, e.g. my weight, my cholesterol level etc?

● What happens if the medication doesn’t work?

● What happens if my illness deteriorates and I need more urgent treatment?

Please do not hesitate to speak to your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist if you require further information.

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