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# Avoiding Pitfalls in Filling Form 5 of the Mental Health Act 2001

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## Description

The aim of this guide is to support the GP who assesses a patient with a mental illness and decides they may require an involuntary admission to hospital. We wish to highlight the common clerical and other errors in filling out Form 5 which invalidate the process. For the purposes of this guide, we presume the applicant is a family member and the recommendation to admit the patient is in his or her best interests.

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