



Deprivation of Liberty (DoLs) Assessment Checklist & Tracker

Guidance	<p>This checklist is designed to be used when completing a pre-admission assessment, on admission and when reviewing a resident's needs. The checklist acts as a prompt to enable the Registered Manager to evaluate the quality of care provided and whether a deprivation of liberty, or restriction in human rights, is likely to occur or is indeed occurring and therefore the residents CARE PLAN requires URGENT REVIEW.</p> <p>Retain a copy of this checklist in the residents Essential File</p> <p>A Deprivation of Liberty is illegal unless authorised by a Supervisory Body (Local Authority).</p>
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Residents Name:		Suite:		Room:	
Completed by:		Date:		Designation:	

1	Is the person placed (or about to be placed) in a care home or hospital?	Yes	No
Only answer the remaining questions if you answered Yes			
2	Is the resident under the age of 18?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Only answer the remaining questions if you answered No			
3	Is the resident detained under the mental health act?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Only answer the remaining questions if you answered No			
4	Has a least restrictive alternative to managing the resident's care needs been considered? If not, why not? If yes what? Provide details in the next box.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Is there a possible deprivation of liberty occurring, or likely to occur?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Is there a SOVA issue? If yes, please raise an alert, if not already in progress.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Signature:			
No-one should be deprived of their liberty unless this action is in their best interests is the least restrictive option available and is to protect the individual from harm.			

(PLEASE RETAIN A COPY OF THIS CHECKLIST IN THE RESIDENT'S ESSENTIAL FILE)

DoLS Checklist

This checklist is to be used as a guidance tool only. It can be used by those professionals involved in care planning, admissions and reviews.

Any deprivation of liberty occurring or likely to occur in a hospital or care home needs to be assessed on an individual basis.

What is a deprivation of liberty?

Where the treatment or care regime, rather than the relevant person's own health or condition, lead to ongoing significant restriction and/or restraint of the person's freedom. A deprivation of a person's liberty may be occurring if, for example:

- The decision to admit the relevant person to a care home or hospital is being opposed by relatives or carers who live with that person.
- Force being used to prevent the relevant person from leaving the care home or hospital, in a situation where that person is making purposeful and persistent attempts to leave.
- The relevant person is adamant that he/she wants to return home and has not given valid consent to the placement.
- Visitors are not allowed, or severely restricted.
- The relevant person is being sedated to prevent her/him from making an attempt to leave the care home.
- The care home is denying the request by relatives or carers for the resident to be discharged to their care.
- The resident is being denied freedom of movement/ association within the care home and/or his/her access to the community is severely restricted.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding a possible deprivation of liberty, please discuss with your line manager. The Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) team is also available to support and advise.

Using this checklist

If a deprivation of liberty is occurring or likely to occur and the resident cannot be cared for in a least restrictive way, then the home manager must request a DoLS assessment. This checklist includes possible triggers to enable you to decide whether to request an assessment, or not.

DoLS Tracker

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