



Derprivation Of Liberty Safeguards (DOLS)

Controls and restrictions used to care for the patient and keep them free from harm can be a deprivation of their liberty:

- Constant supervision and control
- The patient is not free to leave
- There are restrictions to the person's environment
- Sedation is being given for the person's agitation
- Physical restraint is in place to prevent harm to the patient.

In placing a DOLS authorisation the safeguarding team or anyone trained in completing DoLS authorisations (including the Older Persons Team) will assess if the patient can consent to the controls and restrictions (Capacity), the best interests of the patient and the least restrictive option.

****Actions that are immediately necessary to prevent harm to the patient should be carried out in the best interest of the patient****