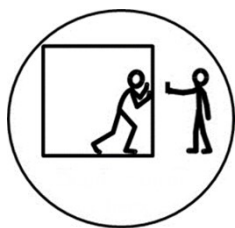


Role of Relevant Person's Representative



This easy read document tells you about the role of the "representative" for a person facing a Deprivation of Liberty (DoL) order.

What are Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards?



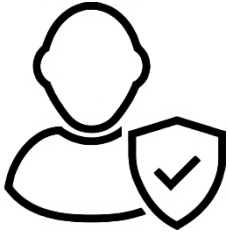
A person who cannot understand or agree to the treatment or care that they need may have their liberty deprived.



The Court of Protection may make a Deprivation of Liberty (DoL) order if it feels it is necessary.



The Mental Capacity Act is a law they gives legal protections for people who live in a hospital or care home and whose freedom has been restricted in this way.

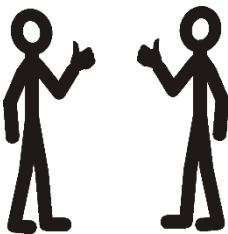


These protections are called Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards or DoLS.



We have [a separate easy read document about Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards.](#)

What is a “Relevant Person’s Representative”?



A Relevant Person’s Representative (RPR) is usually a family member or a friend who will make sure that the rights of the person who is deprived of their liberty are being protected.

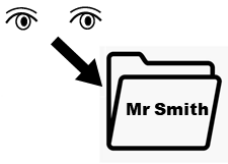
What does a representative have to do?



A representative must see the person on a regular basis.



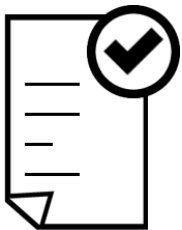
The law does not say what it means by “regular”.



The representative can look at the person's care records from the hospital or care home.



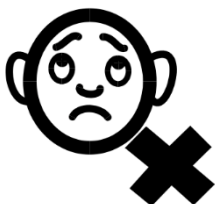
The representative can ask the hospital, care home or our Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards team to review the DoLS.



The representative must make sure that conditions set as part of the DoLS are being followed by the hospital or care home.



A representative can ask for help from an Independent Mental Capacity Advocate (IMCA) at any point when a DoLS is in place.



An IMCA can help the representative ask for a review or help them to make an application to the Court of Protection if the person seems to be objecting to the DoLS.



The objection might be expressed through words or actions.



The representative must always act in the person's best interests.



Acting in someone's best interests means:



- involving the person in making decisions as much as possible



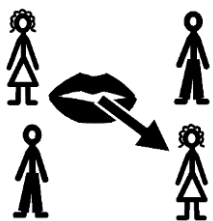
- considering their past and present wishes, feelings, beliefs and values



- thinking about what decisions they would make if they were still able to



The hospital or care home must talk to the representative and ask for their opinion about any decisions they make about the person's care.



A representative who can no longer act for somebody must tell our DoLS team so we can plan for someone else to be the Relevant Person's Representative.

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Links in this document

Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards – Easy read

nottinghamshire.gov.uk/global-content/easy-read-library/guide-to-deprivation-of-liberty-orders-community-dol-easy-read

Nottinghamshire County Council – contact us form

nottinghamshire.gov.uk/contactform

Relay UK app

www.relayuk.bt.com/how-to-use-relay-uk/download-app.html

SignVideo app

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For plain English version of this information, go to:

[Role of Relevant Person's Representative \(Nottinghamshire County Council\)](#)

nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/adult-social-care/social-care-publications/relevant-persons-representative

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