



Guide to Community Deprivation of Liberty Orders (Community DoL)

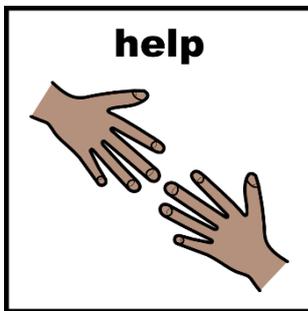
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What this leaflet is about

This is an Easy Read guide about Community Deprivation of Liberty Orders, known as Community DoL. This booklet explains what happens when we apply for a Community DoL.

You may like to have someone support you when you look at this booklet.

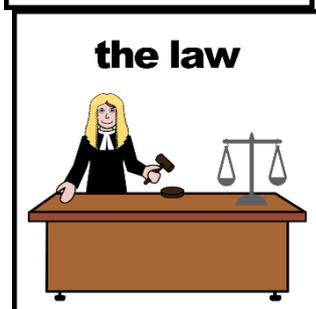
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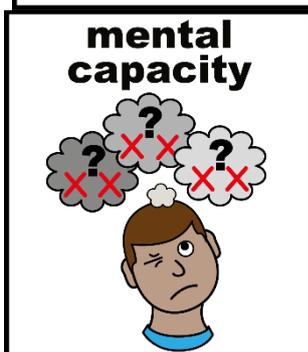
Sometimes, people need care from doctors, nurses or care workers, in supported living, or in their own home.



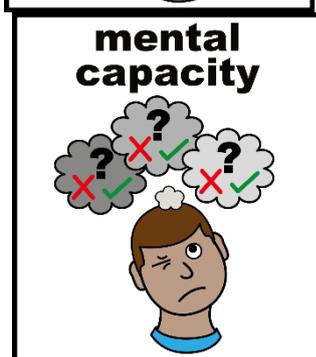
This care should happen in a way that keeps people safe but, whenever possible, should not stop them from doing what they want to do.



There is a law called the Mental Capacity Act. It says what should happen when people can't make some decisions for themselves.



When people can't make a decision for themselves, this is called **lacking capacity**.



You might be able to make **some** decisions, but not able to make **other** decisions.

People will need to find out:

- What decisions you can make by yourself
- What decisions you need help with
- What decisions you can't make.



People who lack capacity to make decisions about where they live and their care and support need extra protection.



You should be treated or cared for in a way that means you are safe and are free to do the things you want to do.

Liberty means being free to do the things you want to do, when you want to do them.



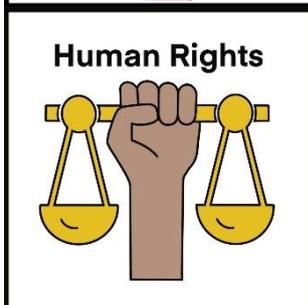
If other people make the decision about where you live and how you are looked after, it might be that you are **deprived of your liberty**. This might be to keep you safe.



If this is happening to you it would have to be in your best interests. People must think very carefully to make sure those decisions are good for you.

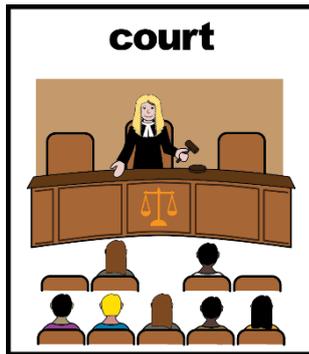


Deprivation of Liberty is not a punishment for doing something wrong. It is done only if it is necessary to keep people safe and if it is the right thing for you.

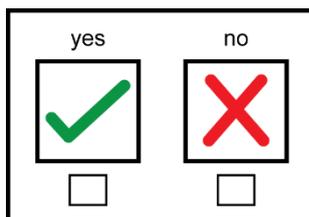


If you are deprived of your liberty you need special protection called **safeguards**. They are checks to make sure you are looked after properly.

How is a Deprivation of Liberty authorised?



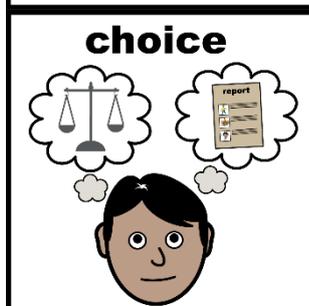
We can't put a Deprivation of Liberty order in place without a judge in a special court saying it's okay. This court is called the Court of Protection.



The Court of Protection is not for deciding whether a person has done something wrong.



This court helps to make sure that your freedom is only restricted because it is needed to help to keep you safe.

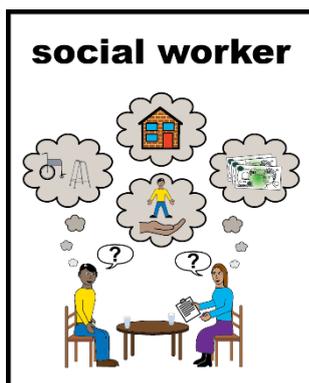


The Court of Protection can make decisions about money or welfare for people who lack the mental capacity to do this for themselves.



Most of the time people do not go to court for a hearing about a Deprivation of Liberty order. The judge can make a decision by looking at reports.

How is an application made?



A Best Interest Assessor will visit you to check that your care is okay.

A Best Interest Assessor is a person who has had special training in working out whether someone's care and support is in their best interests.



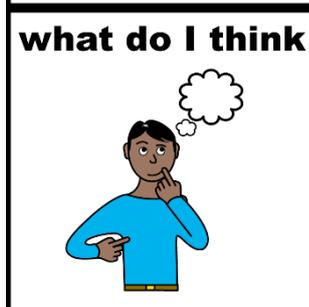
They check that any rules or restrictions are only used to keep you safe.



This means that anything you are stopped from doing is only done to prevent a big risk of harm.



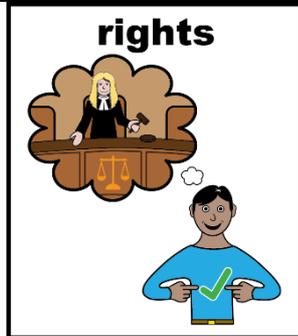
They will make an application to the Court of Protection. It will be a report with lots of details because the judge has to agree with the care plan.



The judge will want to know what you want and think about your care and support, and where you live.



The judge will also want to know what your family or close friends think about your care.



When the Best Interests Assessor has looked at everything and thinks that your care plan gives you as much freedom as it can, they will make an application to the Court of Protection.

Contact Us



If you want to talk to the Best Interests Assessor about anything, you can contact them by:



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