



Guide to Your Rights under Community Deprivation of Liberty Orders (CoPDoL or Community DoL)

Conwy Integrated Disability Service

What this leaflet is about

A judge has said that you need a Community Deprivation of Liberty Order, known as a Community DoL. This booklet helps you to understand your rights now that it has been granted.

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

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A Community Deprivation of **Liberty** Order gives you legal protection.

Liberty means being free to decide what you want to do and where you want to live.

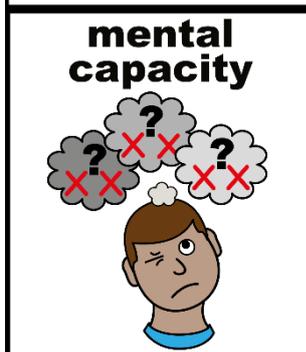


You might have fewer freedoms than other people. This is because you find it hard to make decisions about where to live and what care you need.

This is called lacking capacity.



The law says that because you can't make these decisions, other people must help you.



A Doctor and a **Best Interest Assessor** met with you and believe that other people need to decide where you live and the kind of care you need.

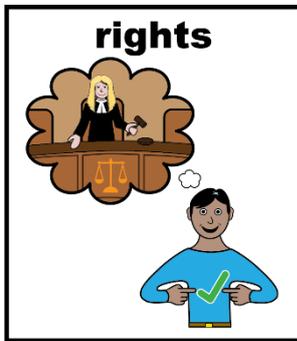
A **Best Interest Assessor** is a person who has had special training in working out whether someone's care is in their best interests.



They talked to people who know you well. They also looked at information about you and the kind of support you need.

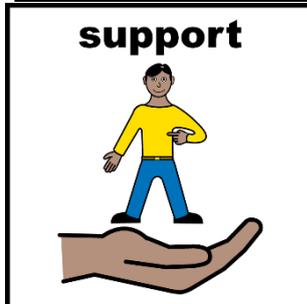


They wrote a report for a Judge in the Court of Protection to look at. And the Judge agreed that it is in your best interests to live in your home and receive the care you need.



The Judge made a Community Deprivation of Liberty Order. This will last up to one year. After this, or if things change, we will check everything again.

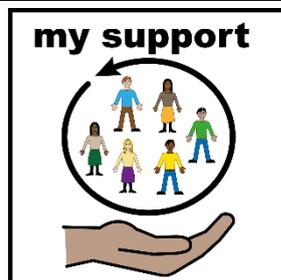
This Order gives you legal **RIGHTS**.



Your **right** to a representative:

You will have someone to support you. They will visit you and can tell us if you are not happy about where you live or the rules in your care plan.

They will share your views, even if they disagree.

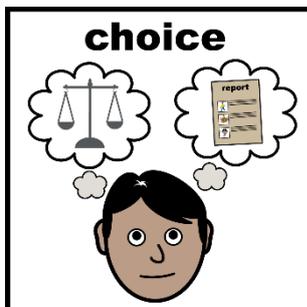


Your **right** to ask for a review:

You can ask us to look at things again if you are unhappy about:

- Where you live,
- How you are looked after
- The rules you have to follow
- You think you can make decisions for yourself

You can do this yourself or ask someone to do this for you.



Your **right** to challenge:

You can tell the Court of Protection if you disagree with the order.

You don't need permission to contact the court, but most people find it easiest to ask their representative to contact us so we can show you how to do it.



Your **right** to an advocate:

An advocate is someone who is not part of your care team. They help you to understand your rights, say what you think, and help you to challenge decisions if you want to.

If you would like an advocate, contact us, or ask someone to do this for you.

Contact Us

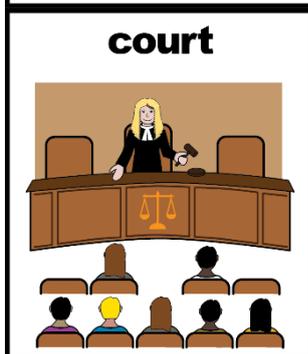


You can talk to the Best Interests Assessor if you have any questions. You can contact them by:



Email: disabilityadmin@conwy.gov.uk

Phone: 01492 575374



You contact the Court of Protection directly:

Email: courtofprotectionenquiries@justice.gov.uk

Phone: 0300 456 4600