

DEPRIVATION OF LIBERTY

Screening tool to prioritise applications

based on guidance developed by the ADASS task force



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This is an indicative guide only and each case will be considered based on the information supplied.

High	Medium	Low
<p>Objections from person:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attempts to leave (see below) • Requests to leave (regardless of whether that request is “realistic” – unless the place the person is asking to go does not exist – i.e. “I need to go and pick up my children.”) <p>Any objections from family /friends</p> <p>Any Restrictions on contact family/friend</p> <p>Possible challenge to Court of Protection, or Complaint</p> <p>Already subject to DoL about to expire (especially if any of the above factors apply)</p>	<p>Issues that would not lead to high priority on their own :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restraint or medication • Continuous 1:1 care during the day and / or night • Sedation/medication • Physical restraint, equipment or persons • Confinement to a particular part of the establishment • Psychiatric or acute hospital • New or unstable placement <p>Factors that may lead to lower priority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have been living in the care home for more than a year • Admission to psychiatric hospital from a long stay care home • Acute hospital where person is not conscious. 	<p>Low priority may apply even if factors listed in medium priority are present; however, low priority will never apply if any of the factors listed in high priority are present.</p> <p>May be considered low priority if in a care home, meets the requirements of the acid test; however:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Person cannot communicate in any way • Person is cared for in bed • Person is totally immobile • Have been living in the care home for more than 5 yrs • End of life situations <p>NB – if the person was able to consent to the planned end of life care they would require before they lost capacity, please discuss with the DOLS officer before making the application.</p>