

Screening Tool for triaging DoLS referrals

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HIGHER	MEDIUM	LOWER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sedation/medication or restraint used frequently (that is regularly or habitually; often) to control behaviour. • Restrictions on family/friend contact (or other Article 8 issues) • Objections from relevant person (verbal or physical) • Objections from family/friends. • Frequent (that is regularly or habitually; often) attempts to leave. • Possible challenge to Court of Protection, or Complaint. • Already subject to DoL about to expire. • Unstable placement • Psychiatric Acute Hospital and not free to leave, not objecting to treatment or accommodation. • Continuous 1:1 care during the day and / or night where there are 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asking to leave but not consistently. • Not making any active attempts to leave. • Appears to be unsettled some of the time. • Restraint or medication used infrequently. • Appears to meet some but not all aspects of the acid test. • Continuous 1:1 care during the day and / or night where the placement is stable and managed eg. to reduce falls. • Confined to a particular part of the establishment for a considerable period of time. • New placement where there is limited to no evidence of a capacity assessment and best interest decision being made in accordance with the MCA. This will mainly apply to people who are self-funding their care. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimal evidence of control and supervision. • No specific restraints or restrictions being used. E.g. in a care home not objecting, no additional restrictions in place. • Have been living in the care home for some time (at least a year) • Settled placement in care home/hospital placement, no evidence of objection etc. but may meet the requirements of the acid test. • End of life situations, intensive care situations, which may meet the acid test but there will be no benefit to the person from the Safeguards. • New placement where there is evidence of a capacity assessment and best interest decision being made in accordance with the MCA.

challenging behaviours

- The person is unbefriended
- The person is in a care home or hospital rated as inadequate by CQC

