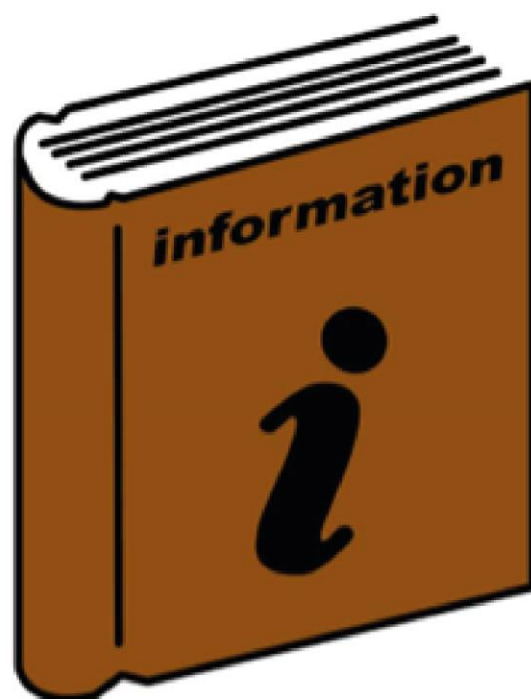
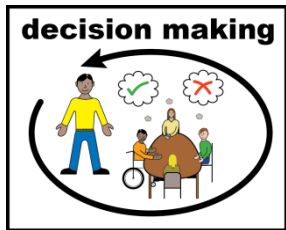


Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards and you

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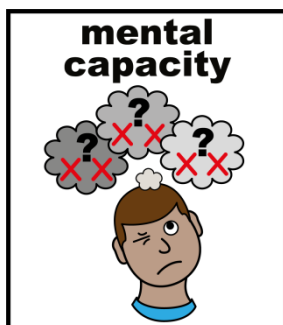
What is the Mental Capacity Act?



The Mental Capacity Act is a law about making decisions and what to do when people cannot make some decisions for themselves.



The **Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards** are part of the Mental Capacity Act 2005.



When people cannot make decisions for themselves, this is called lacking capacity.



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



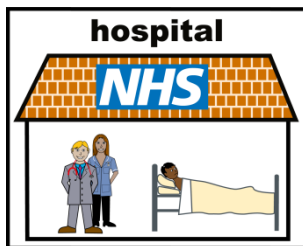
People will find out

- which decisions you can make on your own
- which decisions you might need some help with, and
- which decisions you cannot make yourself.

Why we need the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards

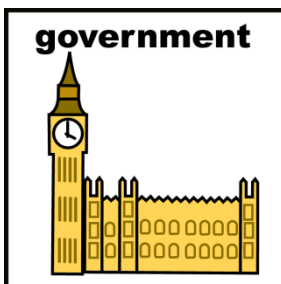


Sometimes people need treatment or care from people like doctors and nurses or care workers.

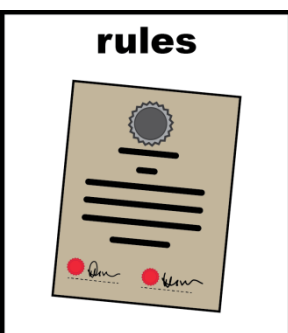


People who are staying in hospital or living in a care home should be treated or cared for in a way that means they are safe.

They should be free to do things they want to do.



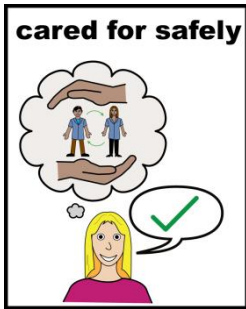
The Government has made some rules to make sure that people can be cared for or treated in a way that is right.



These rules are part of the Mental Capacity Act 2005 Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (2007).



People who are lacking capacity 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.



If you are stopped from doing the things you want all the time, it is called being **deprived of your liberty**.

When will the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards be used?



If you are staying in hospital you need to agree to be there.



If you lack capacity you might not be able to agree to be in hospital.

Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards might be used to help you get the treatment and care you need, even if you do not want to stay in hospital.

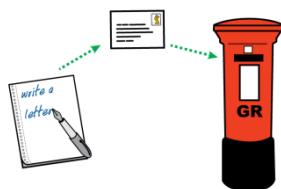


This is because it is in your best interests.

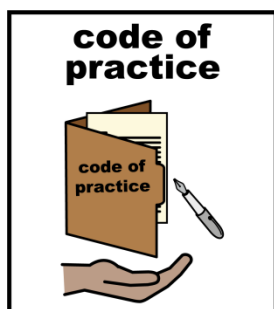
What happens if you are being deprived of your liberty?



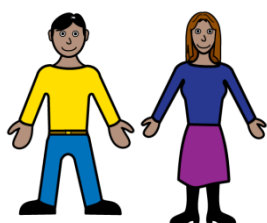
The Code of Practice says that the people who are caring for or treating you are in the hospital.



The hospital must write to something called the **supervisory body** (your local council or health trust) to tell them that they think you need **Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards**.



The Code of Practice says the supervisory body must decide if you need Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards.



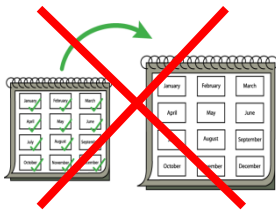
They will do this by arranging at least 2 people to check how you are being treated or cared for. These people are called **assessors**.



One assessor is called the **Best Interests Assessor**. The Best Interests Assessor will be a person who does not know you.



The Best Interests Assessor will write a report to tell the supervisory body if you need a Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards Authorisation and for how long this should be.



The Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards should be for as short a time as possible and never for longer than a year.

What will happen if I get Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards?



Everyone who has a **Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards Authorisation** must have a **representative**.



The **supervisory body** will make sure you get a representative.



A representative is a person who is not paid to look after you.



Your representative could be a member of your family or a friend.



They will make sure that you are being cared for safely.



If you or anyone else is unhappy about you being deprived of your liberty, they can ask for a **review**.

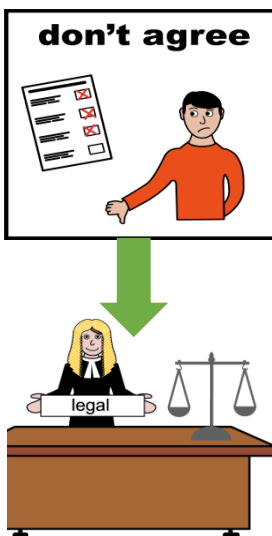


A review is a check to make sure that you are being treated in the right way.



You or your representative or your hospital can ask for a review.

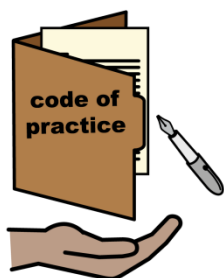
There will also be a review if your situation changes.



If you or your representative disagree about you being deprived of your liberty, you can ask for a special court called the **Court of Protection** to decide whether you should be deprived of your liberty or not.

How to find out more about the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards

code of practice



There is a rule book about the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards called the **Code of Practice**.

Everybody caring for you has to follow these rules.

computer



The Code of Practice tells you more about the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards.

You can see it at:

www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_085476

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Further information is available from:



Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)

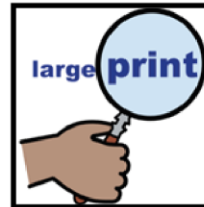
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