

# Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) (Course 1)

## *A One Day Awareness Course*

The Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards allow hospitals and care homes to detain people that lack mental capacity if it is in their best interests. It is a detailed area of law which many health and social care professionals need to understand in order to ensure they are compliant with the European Convention on Human Rights. One of the key issues for staff is understanding how to recognise a deprivation of liberty. The power to detain under DoLS can only be used once a number of detailed assessments are carried out. The detained person will be entitled to a number of rights such as the right to appeal and the right to a representative. This course will go over all the basics of the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards and guide delegates through the various legal tests to decide whether a deprivation of liberty has occurred. The protections and safeguards contained within DoLS will also be covered. Delegates will have an opportunity to identify a deprivation of liberty by doing a number of case studies through the day.

**Who is it for?** The course is designed for anyone who works in adult social care where people may be deprived of their liberty. This may include staff such as doctors, social workers, care managers, support workers, advocates, care homes staff and safeguarding teams. Where relevant, the course may be tailored to the specific staff group.

**Timetable** (may be subject to minor amendment)

<b>Session 1</b>	Introduction Overview of DoLS Restraint Defining Deprivation <i>Exercise 1- Restriction or Deprivation</i>
<b>Session 2</b>	Deprivation of liberty case law Article 5 Cases Exercise 2- Establishing a deprivation of liberty
<b>Session 3</b>	The legal criteria Managing authorities & supervisory bodies Standard & urgent authorisations The assessments & the assessors The application process <i>Exercise 3- DoLS in practice</i>

## **Session 4**

Rights and Protections Under DOLS:

Representatives

Independent Mental Capacity Advocates (IMCAs)

Review

Appeals

CQC

*Exercise 4- Quiz*

## **Aims & Objectives**

By the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Understand the key parts of the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards
- Understand the case law defining deprivation of liberty
- Understand the DoLS process
- Understand the various rights and safeguards provided under DoLS
- Identify how their working practices will be affected by the legislation