

Our aim is to support and enable people to become and remain central to the decisions that are made about their life.



Royal Borough of Kingston

Relevant Person's Representative (RPR)

“Advocacy is taking action to help people say what they want, secure their rights, represent their interests and obtain the services they need. Advocates and advocacy schemes work in partnership with the people they support and take their side. Advocacy promotes social inclusion, equality and social justice”

(Action for Advocacy 2006)

How to contact the RPR Service

Website: www.ch1889.org

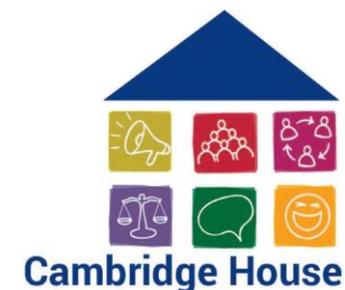
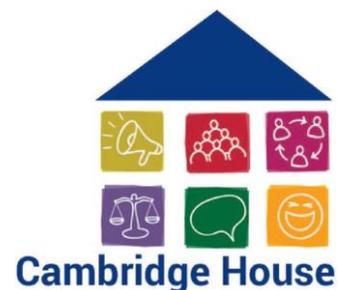
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Relevant Person's Representative Service



Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards Mental Capacity Act 2005: What is DoLS?

The deprivation of Liberty safeguards provide legal protection for vulnerable people who may become deprived of their liberty, in a care home or hospital.

The safeguards provides for all vulnerable people in this situation to have a representative to ensure that their best interests are upheld and to support them during their stay in a care home or hospital.

Some situations where it might be considered that a person's liberty is being deprived

- Staff exercise complete control over the care and movement of the person for a significant time
- The person is unable to maintain social contacts because of restrictions placed on their access to other people
- The person loses autonomy because they are under continuous supervision
- A request by carers for a person to be discharged to their care is refused

The Role of the Person's Representative

- To provide continuing support and regular contact during the period of the authorisation
- To ensure that all people involved in the individuals care uphold the person's rights and act in their best interest at all times
- Assist the person to voice their concerns to the hospital or care home
- Assist the person to make a complaint
- Challenge a deprivation of liberty authorisation if the person is not happy with the deprivation or the deprivation may not be appropriate, through the review process
- Make an application, on the person's behalf, to the Court of Protection

Who can be a Person's representative?

A person can have a member of their family or a friend appointed as a person's Representative but in the absence of family or friends that are willing to carry out this role a representative is appointed by the Local Authority or the NHS Trust.

The appointed representative is independent of the Local Authority or the NHS Trust.

Some of the Rights of a Person's Representative

- Right to request support from an Independent mental capacity Advocate (IMCA) if a family or friend is occupying the role
- Right to make an application to the Court of Protection
- Right to request a review of a Deprivation of Liberty authorisation
- Right to give information, or make a submission to an assessor
- Right to access any relevant records of the person's care
- Right to receive the Deprivation of Liberty assessments from the Local Authority or the NHS Trust