



Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards

Half Day

Who should attend this half day course

Managers and front line staff working with adults in any care or support setting

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Course Overview

The Mental Capacity Act Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DOLS) came into force in April 2009. This half-day course provides essential information for care & support staff to enable them to support clients in the light of the Safeguards and changes introduced following the Supreme Court judgement on 2nd June 2026. The question as to whether the Liberty Protection Safeguards will ever be introduced will also be covered.

Course Content

- **What are the deprivation of liberty safeguards (DOLS)** – including why they were introduced in 2009 following the Bournemouth judgement, the position from March 2014 to June 2026 and the new position introduced on 2 June 2026 with immediate effect. Why all care/support staff should see DoLS as vitally important in protecting a client's best interests.
- **How to recognise a deprivation of liberty** – The acid test introduced by Cheshire West in March 2014 has gone. Understanding how we now recognise if the objective and subjective tests to be used post 2 June 2026 apply in our client's situation. Real life case studies are used throughout the course to clarify what is & is not a deprivation of liberty and to clarify when measures are an appropriate and proportionate response to the level of risk a person faces and whether less restrictive alternatives are available.
- **How and when to apply for DOLS authorisation** – including when to apply for authorisation and the process to be used in both care settings (care homes, nursing homes and hospitals) via DoLS and domestic settings (e.g. supported living, domiciliary care and shared lives) via the court of protection.
- **The assessment process** – including an explanation of each of the six assessments carried out by Supervisory Bodies or answers needed in completing a COPDOL 11 form for domestic settings
- **The role of the relevant person's representative and the IMCA service**
- **Processes for Temporary Suspensions and Review**
- **Unauthorised DOLS** – including what to do if you suspect unauthorised deprivation of Liberty and how to respond if it is your organisation that is challenged
- **The Court of Protection**

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Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS) won't replace the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) until after a consultation following the Supreme Court ruling on 2nd June 2026. This half-day Zoom course provides essential information on the new LPS scheme and advice on what steps can be taken now to prepare for the change if LPS is implemented.

Course Content

- **What are Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS)** – including how we got here & progress towards implementation
- **Essential facts about the new LPS scheme**
 - Settings in which LPS will apply and responsible bodies
 - The authorisation process including the authorisation criteria
 - The appropriate person & Independent Mental Capacity Advocates
 - Approved Mental Capacity Professional (AMCP)
 - Arrangements for life-sustaining treatment or vital acts
 - Authorisations, renewals, reviews & challenge in court
- **Preparing for LPS implementation**
 - Do current arrangements give rise to a confinement (the objective test)?
 - Can the adult make their own decision or at least indicate their wishes and feelings in respect of their care and residence (the subjective test)?
 - Evidence confirming a mental disorder
 - Is there a less restrictive way in which to provide their care and treatment? (Necessary & Proportionate assessment)
- **Using the new forms to apply for authorisation under LPS**

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