

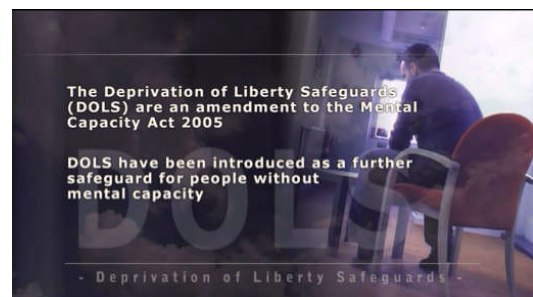
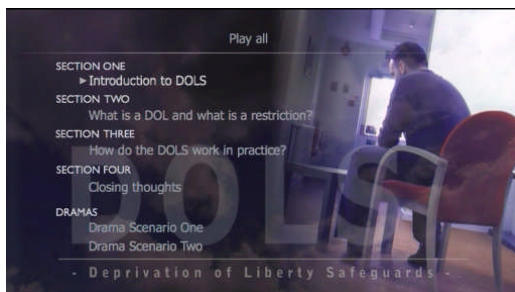
Dear Colleagues

Wolverhampton Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards [DoLS] DVD

What is this DVD about?

This interactive DVD has been jointly commissioned by Wolverhampton City Primary Care Trust and the local authority Adults and Community Directorate to support our learning about the changes to the Mental Capacity Act 2005. These changes have been created by the introduction of the DoLS legislation on 1 April 2009.

The legislation strengthens the rights of hospital patients and those in care homes. It means that additional safeguards are now in place for people who lack capacity to make decisions about their care and living arrangements, when such arrangements are necessary to prevent harm, and require that the person be deprived of their liberties.



Why is this learning resource so adaptable?

The DVD features actors, patients and staff who outline and portray situations in which Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards could apply and work in practice. This has particular impact in:

- Engaging its audience, including professionals, residents, in- patients, and their families
- Disseminating information widely and quickly
- Using a workbook to support discussion and ideas as to how to implement the actions recommended in the DVD
- Enabling learning to take place over time- the DVD can be tackled in clearly defined short time slots

Additional materials are provided, if more detailed exploration is required as to what might need to happen next, and who has responsibility to take further action.

How can the DVD be used?

The DVD opens with a menu selection facility, including an option to use subtitles.

The first four sections explore what DoLS means in practice, through interviews with key personnel from across the West Midlands. This is then followed by two short drama scenes filmed locally in Wolverhampton, which illustrate how this learning impacts on our practice. The DVD is about 40 minutes long in total.



I hope that you will find this DVD a valuable learning tool in developing our awareness. In introducing this legislation, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State has said that "the deprivation of a person's liberty is a very serious matter and should not happen unless it is absolutely necessary, and in the best interests of the person concerned. That is why the safeguards have been created". The DVD will help us to understand how we can therefore apply these safeguards to our practice.

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