

Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS)

  	<p>You or someone you know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• may live in a care home• may be in hospital• may not be able to choose the treatment or care they need.
 	<p>In some cases, someone's liberty may be taken away.</p> <p>Liberty is being free to do the things you want to do and live where you want to live.</p>



If your liberty is taken away

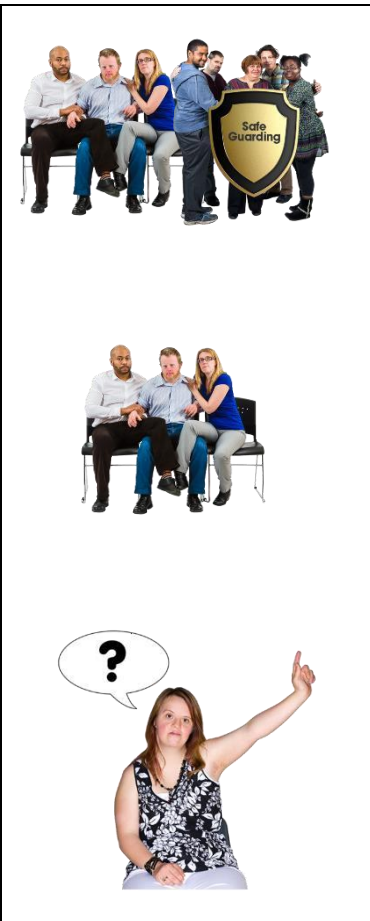
- you are controlled by another person or organisation
- and you are not free to leave.



When your **liberty** is taken away:

- staff **may not** allow you to leave a hospital or care home
- staff **stop** you from moving
- staff might give you medication to **control** your behavior.





What is Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards?

These safeguards mean:

- if it is not in your best interests, we **will not** take your **liberty** away.
- you can ask questions about anything we do.



Before your **liberty** is taken away, the care home or hospital must get Southwark Council to agree for this to happen.

An **assessment** will help you to find out if:

- you can choose your care or treatment



- taking away your liberty is legal
- and in your best interests.



If we **agree** to take your **liberty** away, we will make sure that:

- the measures put in place will only limit certain things you can do
- and will only be in place for as long as they need to be.



My liberty has been taken away at another place

You can also have your **liberty** taken away in other places such as:



- day centre



- supported housing



- shared lives accommodation



Before this can happen, someone would have to apply to the **Court of Protection**.



Get in touch

If you would like to know more about **Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards** please get in touch.



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