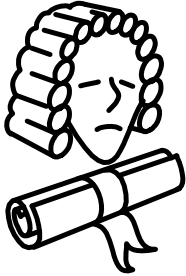


The Deprivation of Liberty rules What I need to know.....



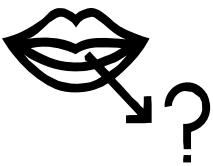
- Deprivation of Liberty means being kept in a hospital or care home with very little freedom to go where I want or do what I want.
- The Deprivation of Liberty rules are about special permission for people who need to help me.
- This may be because I can't decide where I should live or have treatment.
- They are rules about how much protection from harm I might need in a hospital or care home.

Why do I need to know about these Rules?



- The rules say that no one should be kept in a hospital or care home unless there is a very good reason.
- The rules are there to protect me.
- The rules are there to protect my freedom.
- People who help me must follow these rules.

What happens if I need to be deprived of my liberty?



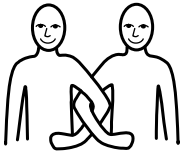
- The hospital or care home must get special permission to limit my freedom.
- The hospital or care home must give very good reasons.
- They must show that there is no other way to give me the care that I need.
- It must be in my best interests.

Who decides if I can be deprived of liberty?



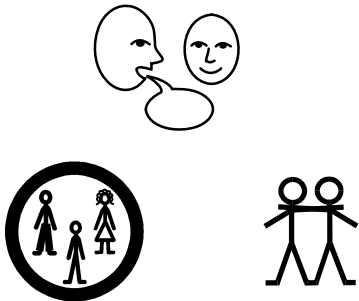
- Two people will check if this is the right thing to do.
- One of the people will be a doctor.
- The other one could be a Social Worker or a Nurse.
- These people must act in my best interests.
- This means doing what is best for me and protecting me from harm.

Who can support me if I am deprived of my liberty?



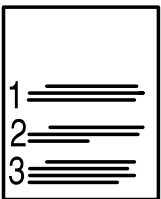
- If it has been decided that I need protection from harm in a hospital or care home, someone will be chosen to support me.
- This person is called a representative.
- The representative will visit me and make sure that the care I have is the best thing for me.
- If the representative is unhappy with my care they can ask for changes to be made.

When should my family and friends be asked about this?



- Before I am deprived of my liberty, the hospital or care home must talk to my family and other people who know me.
- If I have no family or friends, the hospital or care home must get an advocate for me.
- The advocate will listen to me and speak for me if I can't speak for myself.

Special Permission



- Deprivation of my liberty needs special permission.
- Special permission must only last as long as it needs to last in order to help me.
- The hospital or care home must make sure that they follow this special permission.
- The special permission may say that I should have visits by my family and friends.
- The special permission may say that I should be able to go out from the hospital or care home with support.

When does Special Permission end?

- I or my representative can ask for special permission to end.
- Special permission must end when I no longer need as much protection from harm.