

## Guidance for prioritising DoLS applications

High Priority	Priority	Lower priority
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuous 1:1 care throughout the day and night</li> <li>• Sedation/medication used frequently to control behaviour</li> <li>• Physical restraint used regularly equipment or persons</li> <li>• Restrictions on family/friend contact (or other Article 8 issue)</li> <li>• Objections from relevant person</li> <li>• Objections from family /friends</li> <li>• Meaningful attempts to leave</li> <li>• Confinement to a particular part of the establishment for considerable period of time</li> <li>• Unstable placement</li> <li>• Possible challenge to Court of Protection, or Complaint</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Already subject to DoLS about to expire</li> <li>• Psychiatric or acute Hospital and not free to leave</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimal evidence of control/ supervision</li> <li>• No specific restraints or restrictions being used. E.g. in a care home not objecting, no additional restrictions in place.</li> <li>• Has been living in the care home for some time ( at least a year )</li> <li>• Settled placement in care home/hospital placement, no evidence of objection etc. but may meet the requirements of the acid test.</li> <li>• End of life situations, intensive care situations which may meet the acid test but there will be no benefit to the person from the Safeguards</li> </ul>