

Deprivation of Liberty



This leaflet provides information on the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards under the Mental Capacity Act (NI) 2016.



What is Deprivation of Liberty?

Deprivation of liberty means taking your freedom away.

This can be done to keep you safe while you get care or treatment, as long as certain rules are followed. For example, keeping you in hospital, even if you do not want to.



You are being deprived of your liberty when these 3 things are happening



1. You are in a place that gives you care or treatment



2. You are not free to leave



3. You are watched and controlled all the time or most of the time.





They must believe that a deprivation of liberty will help stop you hurting yourself or other people.



They must consult your nominated person.



They must follow the process to get the deprivation of liberty approved.



For more detailed information and guidance on the Mental Capacity Act, and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards visit website: www.health-ni.gov.uk/mca

