

# Using independent BIAs as paid RPRs for the duration of DoLS authorisations

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## Project method

Independent Best Interest Assessors (BIAs) were commissioned to act as Relevant Person's Representatives (RPRs) for the duration of the DoLS authorisations. They visit Relevant Persons on a regular basis (every 4-6 weeks), attempt to increase quality of their lives and then report to us in writing.

## Project results/evaluation

Independent BIAs seem to have a big influence on people's lives acting as their RPRs. We received very good outcomes from all our RPRs.

E.g. Family pictures were received from family of RP, befriending referrals have been submitted, British Red Cross were contacted in few cases to search for long lost relatives, etc.

## Project area classification

Hospital care		Emergency care	
GP care		Dementia	
Social care		Learning disability	
Voluntary sector		Other mental health	
Financial services		Palliative care	
Police		Advance planning, LPAs	
Legal		Commissioning	
Community health care		Training	
Nursing and care home		For professionals?	
Acute care		For public and service users?	x
Chronic care			