

Guidance pack for Care Homes

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Project method

Guidance Pack written for care homes regarding DOLS. The main document in the pack is guidance around DOLS and when a death occurs in a care home. This is a document produced by Suffolk County Council in conjunction with Suffolk Constabulary and the Suffolk Coroner. Also sent out in the pack is a flyer for Suffolk County Council's Mental Capacity and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards web site, the Suffolk DOLS Prioritisation Tool and the Suffolk DOLS Information Leaflet. This pack has been sent out to all care homes in Suffolk.

Project results/evaluation

Developing and improving the knowledge of care home staff regarding Mental Capacity and DOLS. Also care homes and police have more knowledge about what to do when there has been a death of someone cared for under DOLS in a care home.

The DOLS Team are strengthening their working relationship with care home staff and care home staff feel more comfortable about contacting our team for advice and information. There is a better exchange of information between the DOLS Team and Care homes.

Project area classification

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