

Solihull, Sandwell and Birmingham MCA Project Team – Community DoL Scoping Tool

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Project method

The Project Team produced a scoping tool that frontline CHC staff can use to quickly identify a patient at risk of being deprived of their liberty. The overall purpose of the tool is to promote the best possible practice to safeguards people's rights and ensure compliance with the legislation, by scoping the numbers of people at risk of being deprived of their liberty in community settings so that applications can be progressed to the Court of Protection for authorisation. The Scoping Tool was introduced to staff through a face to face session, this was to ensure staff had the necessary of knowledge, understanding and awareness of both the MCA and deprivation of liberty in order to use the tool. As well consulting staff about the layout, structure and content of the tool, to ensure it was appropriate for their needs and easy to use.

Project results/evaluation

A significant amount of cases have been scoped across the Project Team's geographical area, a business case has been written in relation to the anticipated amount of cases, that may need to be taken forward to the court of protection for authorisation to look at cost and resources to facilitate those applications.

Project area classification

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