

Deprivation of Liberty in Community Settings

Easy Read

What is a Deprivation of Liberty?



Liberty means being free to do what you want and go where you want.



Sometimes, people need help to stay safe.



This might mean they are not allowed to go out on their own or make all their own decisions.



That is called a Deprivation of Liberty.

What are the Safeguards?



Rights

Safeguards are rules to protect your rights.



They make sure that any deprivation of liberty is fair, necessary, and in your best interests.

What is a Community Deprivation of Liberty?



This means being deprived of your liberty outside a hospital or care home – for example:

- In the home you own, rent, or share with your loved ones.



- In a supported living home

- In a shared lives home

- Extra care housing

What Happens?

If you are being deprived of your liberty in the community:

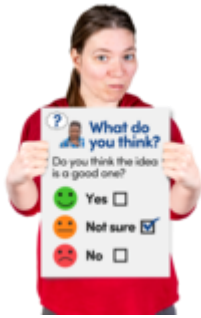


1. The Court of Protection must agree that this is the right thing for you.

2. A judge will check:

- If it is really needed to keep you safe
- If there is no better, less restrictive way for you to be safe

3. Your views and wishes must be heard.



4. You may get support with this from:



- A family member

- A social worker

- An advocate (someone who helps speak up for you)

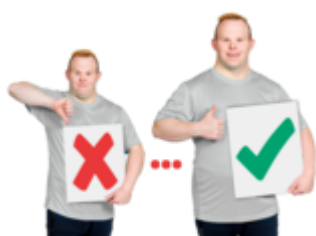
Your Rights and deprivations of liberty in the community



You have the right to be treated with respect.



You can ask for changes or say if you are not happy.



People must always think about what is best for you.

Other information



We want to hear from you. You can tell us what we do well or what we can do better by clicking [HERE](#). If you have worries about Adult Social Services, talk to the person you usually speak to



If you need to make a complaint, you can write to the Complaints Manager at Adult Social Services and Housing, Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 1UJ. You can also call 01275 882171 or email complaints.manager@n-somerset.gov.uk.



You can get this letter in big print, audio, easy read, and other languages. You can also get documents from our website as plain text by email. For more information contact adultspolicy@n-somerset.gov.uk

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