

A Screening tool to prioritise the allocation of new requests to authorise a deprivation of liberty in any setting other than a care home or hospital and for those aged 16/17 in any setting.

This tool is a framework to support decision making and an indicative guide only, the use of this tool must be balanced against the **legal criteria which remains unchanged**.

Its aim is to assist those who are making applications to respond in a timely manner to those situations where a person may be deprived of liberty by identifying the highest priority.

Each case must be judged on its own facts and kept under review: **Green** = Monitoring of the situation. **Amber** = Action required. **Red** = More urgent action required. In addition, it would be good practice to maintain a list which can be screened for length of wait as well as geographical location. It is also wise to not let an existing order lapse, even if less restrictive options are being explored.

NB: 16/17-year-olds will always require a substantive hearing not the use of the streamlined procedure.

	SETTING								
RESTRICTIONS	Own home with family support	Own home with paid support	Shared lives, part of family	Supported living chosen by person	Supported living no choice	Supported living some residents with high staffing ratio	Individual setting high staffing ratio	16/17-year-olds in an Acute hospital	Individual setting with isolation
Not making any active attempts or demands to leave the building but if asked, may state they are leaving soon.	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Appears settled but showing signs of withdrawal/depression indicating unhappiness.	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Amber	Amber	Amber
Physical and or chemical restraint is used infrequently and not causing distress.	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Amber	Amber	Red	Red
Minimal involvement from family, friends or IMCA.	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Amber	Amber	Red	Red
Active objections or evidence of distress from the person (verbal or physical) including requests to explore <u>potentially available</u> less restrictive options	Amber	Amber	Amber	Amber	Amber	Red	Red	Red	Red
Meaningful, successive attempts or requests to leave not simply leaving due to disorientation.	Amber	Amber	Amber	Amber	Amber	Red	Red	Red	Red
Sedation/medication is used frequently PRN to control behaviour reduce libido or manage risk to others.	Amber	Amber	Amber	Amber	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Excessive Physical restraint or behavioural management programmes used regularly.	Amber	Amber	Amber	Amber	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Person is kept isolated from others against their will for a considerable period of time.	Amber	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Barriers are used to limit the person to particular areas of the premises.	Amber	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Significant Restrictions on family/friend contact, or contact with and access to the community (or other significant Article 8 issue).	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red
Change of accommodation where deprivation of liberty was previously authorised under another legal framework.	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red

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