

Relevant Person's Representative (RPR)



A law called the Mental Capacity Act has rules called **DoLS** to make sure you are looked after properly.

DoLS means *Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards*.



DoLS rules say you will have a named **RPR** to support you, and speak up for you, if you have to live in a certain place to keep you safe.

An RPR is usually a family member or a friend.



If you have no family or friends available to be your RPR, then your local Council will arrange for an independent **Advocate** to be your RPR.



Being **independent** means the Advocate RPR does not work for the NHS, Social Services, or other health care providers.



The support you get from an Advocate RPR is free.



Your RPR will help to make sure that any decisions taken about your care will be the best for you.



They are there to support you and speak up for you in the way you would like, if you could do this yourself.



Your RPR will come to visit you regularly, and you can talk in private.



If you are not allowed to do some things that you want to do, the RPR will check that this is not

- breaking the law
- being used as a punishment
- just to make life easier for the staff



Your RPR will look at your paperwork, so they know what is happening to you each day.



The RPR will talk to people that care about you, like

- health and social care professionals
- family and friends
- carers

This will help your RPR understand your wishes.



If there are any concerns about your care, the RPR will try to sort these out informally.



Your RPR can request that the rules about your care are reviewed if needed.



If a review does not sort out any concerns, the RPR can ask for a judge in the Court of Protection to decide what is best.



People providing your care may talk to your RPR before making any important decisions.



An RPR **cannot** make the decisions about your care.



An RPR will be there to support you for as long as your **DoLS** rules are in place.



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