

Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS)

Quick reference guide for Managing Authorities

To request a standard authorisation or make an urgent authorisation, contact the Supervisory Body below.

You may also contact this office for advice and guidance.

The joint administrative office for the two Supervisory Bodies in Buckinghamshire is Buckinghamshire County Council, County Hall, Walton Street, Aylesbury, HP20 1YU

Advice phone line:	01296 382195
Fax no. for referrals:	01296 383338
Email:	DOLS@buckscc.gov.uk

All requests, whether for the PCT or the local authority should be made only to this office.

If you wish to apply for a DoLS authorisation, please fax the relevant forms to our confidential fax number above.

You will find the forms you require at:

www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_089772

Scroll down this webpage to download documents without background colour (for scanning and faxing), in Rich Text Format.

A standard authorisation is Form 4 and an urgent authorisation is Form 1.

Who does DOLS apply to?

The Managing Authority (the hospital or care home) must apply to the Supervisory Body (the PCT in the case of hospitals or local authority in the case of care homes) for authorisation of deprivation of liberty if a person who lacks capacity is:

- about to be admitted to the hospital or care home and the managing authority believes the person risks being deprived of their liberty.
- already in the hospital or care home and is being cared for or treated in a way which deprives them of their liberty.