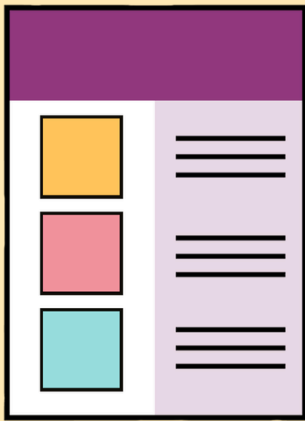


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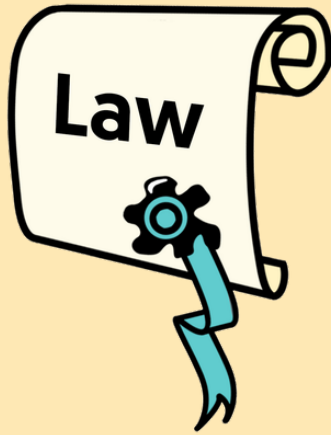
Supreme Court Decision about liberty and care

This is an easy read guide about the new decision about the law.

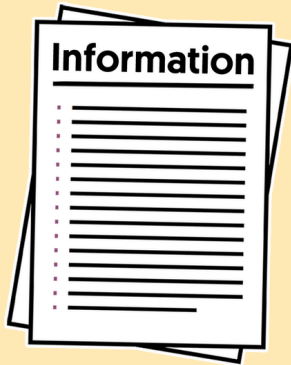
The Supreme Court is the highest court in the UK.

They have made a new decision about the law.

This easy read guide will explain the decision and what it means for people.



What this is about?



This is about:

- How we decide if someone is being deprived of their liberty
- Who should have legal safeguards



Safeguards are rules that protect people's rights.



What “deprived of liberty” means

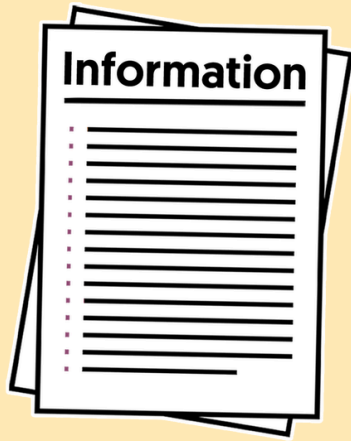
Being deprived of your liberty means:

- You are not free to leave
- Other people make important decisions for you

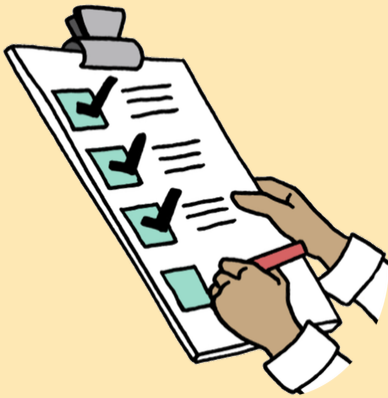


This can happen in:

- Care homes
- Hospitals
- Supported living



What has changed



Before, there was a clear test called the acid test.

This has now been removed.



Now:

- People will look at different parts of someone's life and care
- There is no single clear test anymore





People will also look at:

- How someone feels about their life
- What they say about where they live

If someone says or shows they are happy, this is called '**valid consent**'.



If they are giving 'valid consent', the new rules say that they are not deprived of their liberty.

Because of this change:



- Fewer people may be seen as deprived of their liberty
- Fewer people may have an RPR (Relevant Person's Representative)



What is an RPR?



An **RPR (Relevant Person's Representative)** is someone who:

- Helps you understand your rights
- Helps you say what you want
- Can help you challenge decisions



An RPR can be:

- A family member or friend, or
- A paid representative, like an advocate





Who usually gets an RPR?

You usually get an RPR if:

- You are deprived of your liberty under DoLS
- You need support to understand or challenge your care

Because of the new law:

- Some people who would have had an RPR before may not have one now





What we do NOT know yet



New

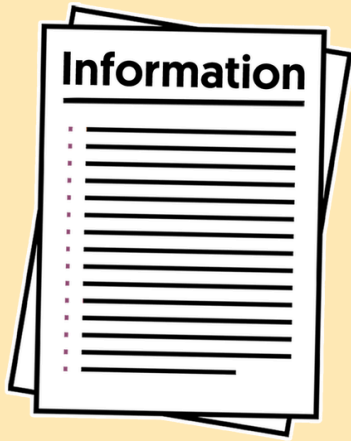
The decision is very new.

No one knows yet:

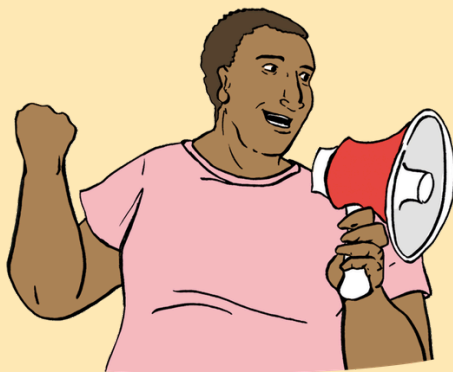
- How many people will be affected
- Who will still get an RPR
- How services will change



Things may be unclear for a while.



What is staying the same



People still have human rights.

This includes:

- The right to be safe
- The right to be treated fairly
- The right to have a say about your life



Advocacy is still important.

An advocate can help you to:

- Speak up
- Be heard



What happens next

New guidance will be written.



Services will need time to:

- Understand the changes
- Decide what to do



Organisations like Advonet will:

- Keep learning more
- Share information
- Make sure people still have a voice

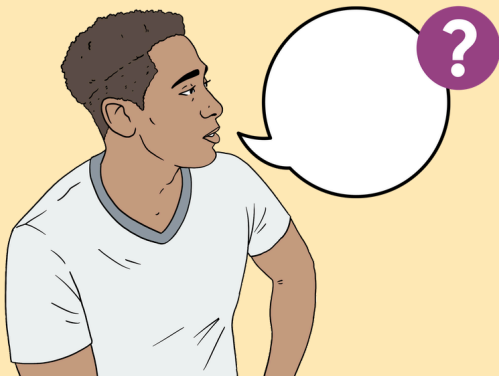
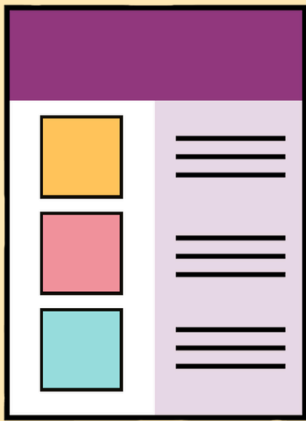




Find out more

We will share:

- Easy read updates
- More information when things are clearer



You can ask your advocate or someone else in your life like a support worker if you have questions.