

the Liberty Protection Safeguards

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Mental Capacity
(Amendment) Act
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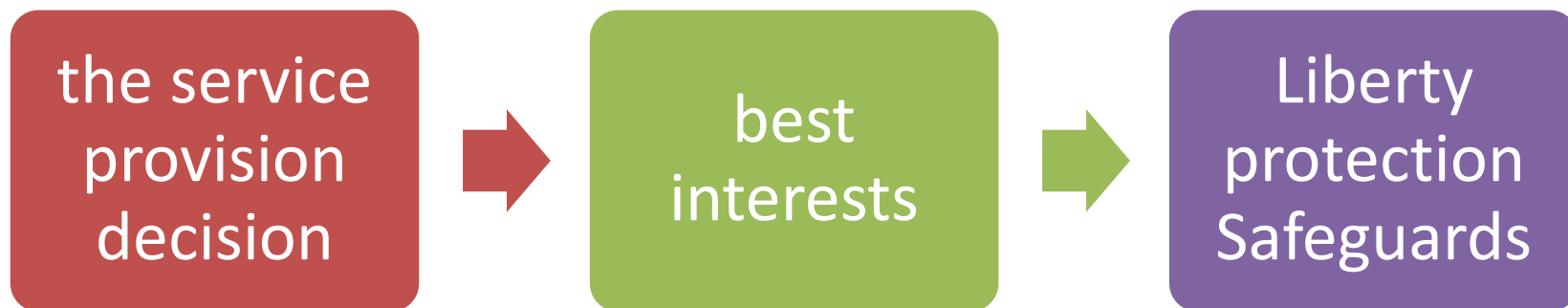
Explanatory Notes have been produced to assist in the
understanding of this Act and are available separately

£11.50

Implementation
date:

1st October 2020 ??

the sequence of decision-making



No court authorisation needed

Authorising arrangements

arrangements can be authorised for enabling the care or treatment of a person (aged 16+) that give rise to a deprivation of liberty

- can be in any setting & multiple settings
- can include means & manner of transport

Who is the responsible body?

- if arrangements mainly carried out in an NHS hospital, the “**hospital manager**” (eg the NHS trust)
- if arrangements mainly carried out in an independent hospital , the **local authority**
- If arrangements are mainly via CHC, the **CCG**
- otherwise, the **local authority** (ie the council meeting the person’s needs or in whose area the arrangements are taking place)

The “conditions”

capacity assessment

- person lacks capacity to consent to the arrangements

medical assessment

- person has a mental disorder

necessary & proportionate

- necessary to prevent harm to person, & proportionate to likelihood & seriousness of such harm
- must have regard to person’s wishes and feelings

Pre-authorisation review

No objections

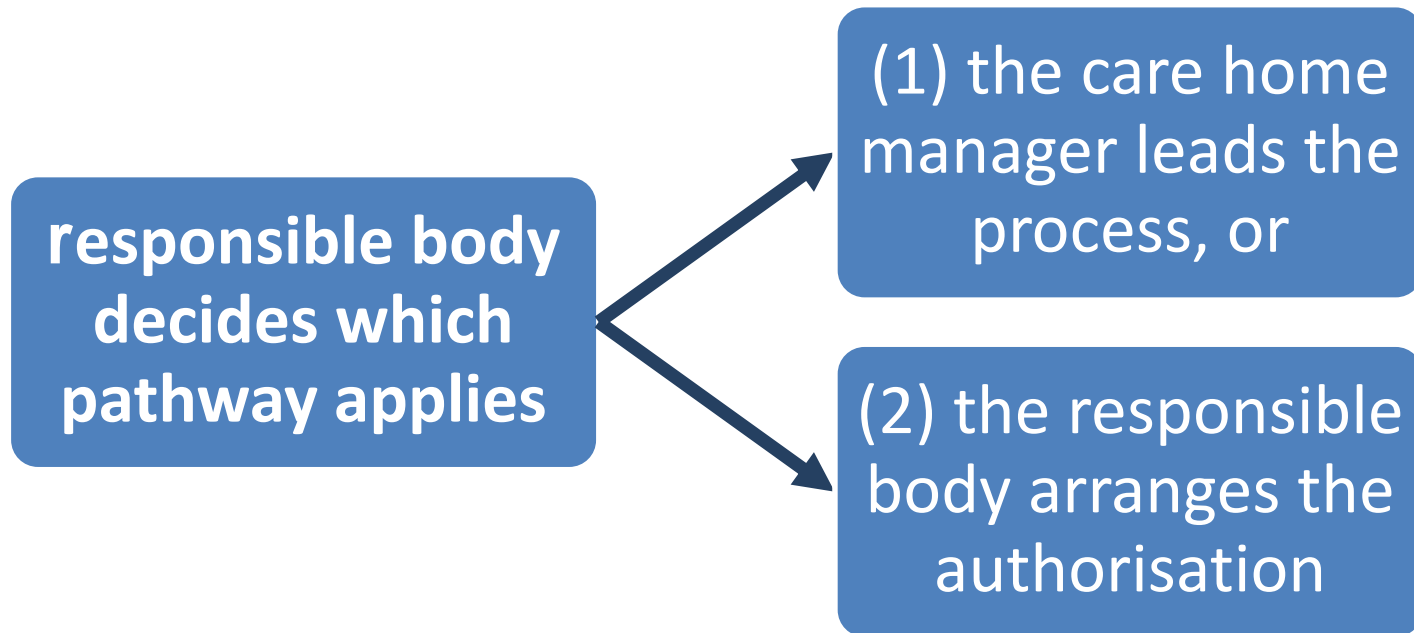
- person reviews the information
- determines if reasonable for RB to conclude conditions are met

Objection or
independent
hospital

- AMCP reviews the information & determines if conditions met
- meets with the person & consults others

reviewer cannot be involved in day-to-day care or providing any treatment

Care home arrangements



Applies to those aged 18+

Key safeguards

- rights to **information**
- duty to provide **care plan** (authorisation record)
- rights to regular **reviews**
- rights to **IMCA or appropriate person**
- rights of legal challenge to the **Court of Protection**
- duty on **CQC** to monitor & report on the LPS

Interim & emergency DoL

- D can deprive P of liberty in 3 cases:
 - while the court decision being sought
 - pending assessment under LPS, or
 - in an emergency
- must be reasonable belief in lack of capacity & DoL must be necessary to deliver life-sustaining treatment or carry out a vital act

Replaces urgent authorisations

Mental Health Act interface

- LPS cannot be used if a patient is detained in hospital under the MHA
- LPS cannot be used if the person is objecting to admission to hospital for psychiatric treatment
- LPS can be used alongside one of the community powers of the MHA (eg CTO or Guardianship)

This largely maintains the existing interface between DoLS and MHA

Next steps

- Start date: [1st October 2020]??
- Code of Practice & Regulations - consultation later this year, & laid in Parliament 6 months before the start date
- Alongside this - consultation on main Code of Practice
- Training and workforce strategy
- Revised impact assessment
- Transitional arrangements - existing DoLS authorisations to remain in place for up to a year

Thank you for listening

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