

STATUTORY ADVOCACY

Individuals are entitled to by law to Statutory Advocacy and must be offered an appropriate Independent Advocate if they are being cared for or treated under the Mental Health Act, Mental Capacity Act or the Care Act.

- **Independent Mental Health Act Advocates (IMHA)** help people whose treatment is under the Mental Health Act.
- **Independent Mental Capacity Advocates (IMCA)** support people who lack mental capacity, and do not have friends or relatives to help them make important decisions regarding their care or treatment.
- **Independent Care Act Advocates (ICAA)** support people during assessment, planning and review of their care and through safeguarding processes.
- **Relevant Person's Representatives (RPR)** ensure that the rights of people assessed as being deprived of their liberty are protected, under the Mental Capacity Act Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards.

SPEAK TO AN ADVOCATE
TO FIND OUT HOW THEY
CAN **HELP YOU.**

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INDEPENDENT ADVOCATES

RELEVANT PERSON'S REPRESENTATIVE (RPR)



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WHAT IS A RELEVANT PERSON'S REPRESENTATIVE?

The Mental Capacity Act provides a statutory framework for acting and making decisions on behalf of people who lack the capacity to make those decisions for themselves. It is sometimes in a person's best interests to deprive them of their liberty and they will enter a process called Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS).

An RPR is a person who will maintain contact with a person and represent and support them in all matters relating to the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards.



HOW CAN AN RPR HELP ME?

All RPRs from Advent Advocacy are independent and trained.

Your Independent RPR Advocate does not work for the Local Authority, the NHS, Health or Social Care providers.

Our Independent RPR Advocates are trained to protect your human rights in homes and hospitals to ensure you are kept safe.

Your RPR will:

- Listen to you and support you to have your views and wishes heard.
- Help you to understand what the DoLS authorisation means to you.
- Monitor the terms of the authorisation and ensure the conditions are being met.
- Raise concerns or challenge decisions made.
- Make an application to the Court of Protection on your behalf if you wish to exercise your 'Right to Liberty' under the Human Rights Act.

WHEN WILL I SEE MY RPR?

Your RPR will contact your care provider each month (every 4 to 5 weeks) to arrange a visit. You can also contact your RPR in between visits, too.

To begin with, they will establish the best way to communicate with you, depending on your needs. It is really important that you are able to understand your RPR and that they can understand your wants and wishes, too.

Your RPR will introduce themselves to you and the carers and staff working with you. They will leave a poster with their photo and this leaflet with you, for you to read in between visits.

WHAT WILL THE RPR DO DURING A VISIT?

You RPR will spend time with you to get to know your wants and wishes, and that you feel safe. Sometimes they may simply observe you and your care givers.

They will read through your care and treatment plans, and any reviews that have occurred since their last visit. They will check that recommendations in these documents are being carried out or raise concerns when they are not happening.

They will check that any appointments, medical reviews and incidents are kept up to date and recorded.

The RPR will talk to members of staff caring for you to see if they have any concerns about your safety and/or wellbeing.