This flow chart is for use in critical care areas only

Its use is designed to guide the referral process for applications for the deprivation of liberty and wider safeguarding issues in critical care.

The flow chart is intended to be a guideline only, and not prescriptive.

It will be updated as the government review of the DoLs process evolves.

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Patient admitted to Critical Care

Does the patient lack capacity to make decisions about their treatment?

Consider safeguarding concerns

See boxes below for advice on the following:

Box 1: Safeguarding vulnerable adults
Box 2: Safeguarding vulnerable children
Box 3: Safeguarding patients with complex learning disabilities

Is the patient already under a community DoLs?

DoLs are not transferrable between institutions and even hospitals in the same trust.

The patient should be assessed to see whether they need a new DoLs during their hospital stay

Inform the on call consultant if DoLs is required

For all other patients:

Treat under medical best interests while receiving "life saving treatment"

In addition to the above, least restrictive methods include:

- Use of family or friends to calm patient
- Moving to a quieter area
- Frequent verbal re-orientation
- Methods to improve sleep hygiene

Refer to the ICU delirium guideline

Involve the NOK

Complete "This is me" document with NOK

Consider referral to IMCA if no NoK

If patient is agitated or combative while lacking capacity, always consider the least restrictive method to maintain patient safety

Least restrictive methods

- Use of family or friends to calm patient
- Moving to a quieter area
- Frequent verbal re-orientation
- Methods to improve sleep hygiene

Refer to the ICU delirium guideline

For patients who continue to lack capacity after treatment is no longer considered "life-saving", the requirement for DoLs referral shall be reviewed by the ITU consultant prior to discharge to the ward

If the patient is improving clinically, and they are expected to regain capacity then no DoLs is required at this time.

This decision will be reviewed weekly in the ITU MDT / Rehab round.

A DoLs should be applied for if the patient is receiving non-life saving treatment in a continuing care or care home setting and they lack capacity to consent to treatment as described in the MCA.
Box 1:
Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults

- Consider referral if the patient is any of the following:
  - The main carer for another vulnerable adult such as:
    - Adults with complex learning disabilities
    - Adults with dementia
    - Adults with long term care needs
- Consider referral if there might be:
  - Issues of domestic violence
  - Issues of FGM
- Adult safeguarding team:
  - Jo Henderson, nursing lead ext 64972
  - Susan Knight, ext 8046
- Hospital Social Work Team, RSCH ext 4001
- Hospital Social Work Team, PRH Duty Social Worker: 07885 475247
- Out of hours:
  - Brighton and Hove - Social Care Emergency Duty Team - 01273 295555
  - West Sussex - Social Care Emergency Duty Team - 01243 642321

Box 2:
Safeguarding vulnerable children

Consider referral if patient is the main carer for children under 18
Ask other family members about the care of the children. They may well be safe and well cared for, but may appreciate support.
If any concerns, please refer and inform the family members of referral.
Contact Children’s safeguarding team on 2363
Or Duty Social Worker out of hours
Further resources on BSUH intranet

Box 3:
Safeguarding patients with complex learning disabilities

Inform the complex LD team of the patient’s admission to critical care
Refer to the patient passport for information regarding the patient
Refer to the patient’s family or carers and involve them as much as appropriate regarding the care of the patient

Learning disabilities liaison team:
Direct Dial is 01273 664975
Internal ext. 64975
The LD Liaison Nurses are Polly Mitchell and Becky Quin
polly.mitchell@sussexpartnership.nhs.uk / becky.quin@sussexpartnership.nhs.uk
The PRH mobile number is for the West Sussex Liaison Nurse but it will not be picked up by Polly and Becky if she is on leave etc. so may need to refer to them on the above ext.
Critical Care Safeguarding and DoLs Flow Chart

Guideline revised September 2018, Kate Regan & input from Safeguarding team. Review date 2020

Links to resources and policies:

Link to JICS helpful review article Deprivation of Liberty and intensive care

LD Liaison team

Safeguarding children

Safeguarding adults

IMCA referral form

DoLs referral forms and resources

Critical care delirium guideline

BSUH Hand mitten policy

BSUH 1:1 supervision policy

BSUH Nasal bridle policy
http://www.bshh.nhs.uk/search?q=bridle