

## ADASS TASK FORCE

### A Screening tool to prioritise the allocation of requests to authorise a deprivation of liberty

Due to the vast increase in demand for assessments under the Deprivation of liberty safeguards the ADASS task force members have shared practice in relation to prioritisation and produced this screening tool. The aim of the tool is to assist Councils to respond in a timely manner to those requests which have the highest priority. The tool sets out the criteria most commonly applied which indicates that an urgent response may be needed so as to safeguard the individuals concerned. The use of this tool must be balanced against the legal criteria for the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards which remains unchanged. **The criteria should be used as an indicative guide only as it will generally be based on information provided by the Managing Authority in the application and each case must be judged on its own facts.**

HIGHER		MEDIUM		LOWER	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Psychiatric or Acute Hospital and not free to leave</li> <li>Continuous 1:1 care during the day and / or night</li> <li>Sedation/medication used frequently to control behaviour</li> <li>Physical restraint used regularly – equipment or persons</li> <li>Restrictions on family/friend contact (or other Article 8 issue)</li> <li>Objections from relevant person (verbal or physical)</li> <li>Objections from family /friends</li> <li>Attempts to leave</li> <li>Confinement to a particular part of the establishment for considerable period of time</li> <li>New or unstable placement</li> <li>Possible challenge to Court of Protection, or Complaint</li> <li>Already subject to DoL about to expire</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asking to leave but not consistently</li> <li>Not making any active attempts to leave</li> <li>Appears to be unsettled some of the time</li> <li>Restraint or medication used infrequently.</li> <li>Appears to meet some but not all aspects of the acid test</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimal evidence of control and supervision</li> <li>No specific restraints or restrictions being used. E.g. in a care home not objecting, no additional restrictions in place.</li> <li>Have been living in the care home for some time ( at least a year )</li> <li>Settled placement in care home/hospital placement, no evidence of objection etc. but may meet the requirements of the acid test.</li> <li>End of life situations, intensive care situations which may meet the acid test but there will be no benefit to the person from the Safeguards</li> </ul>	
CASE NO:		DATE:		PRIORITISED BY :	
SUMMARY OF CRITERIA					
ALLOCATED PRIORITY:					