



The Court of Protection

The Court of Protection must agree to any **DoL** in the community. DoL in a care home or hospital can be agreed by the local council.



The Court can decide this when you are not able to decide



- where to live



- what support you need

and when you have a mental disorder like



- a learning disability



- dementia



- a mental health condition



We need to carry out **6 checks**

These checks are done by 2 different people



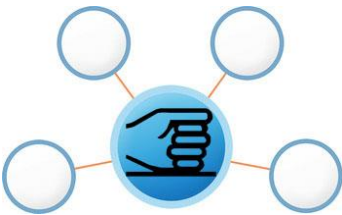
1 A check to see that you are 16 or older



2 A check to see that you have a learning disability



3 A check that you have someone looking after your money



4 A check that there is no other way your care can be given



5 A check to see if you are able to make your own decisions



6 A check to see if you have a mental illness



Your Representative

When we have done these checks and the Court of Protection is happy with them, we will appoint someone to represent you



This can be

- a friend



- a family member



- an independent mental capacity advocate (**IMCA**)



You might be able to choose your own representative



The representative must

- be 18 or older



- keep in contact with you



Your support worker or social worker or health worker **cannot** be your representative



What does a representative do?

1 Keeps in contact with you



2 Makes decisions for you and in your best interests



3 Helps you go to the Court of Protection if you need to



The staff in your house must

- tell your representative what support they are giving you

- tell the representative of any changes to your support



- make sure that your representative visits often enough



- tell Camden if your representative does not visit enough