

Board of Directors (in Public)

Item 6.2

Subject: Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS)
Update for Q1 17/18

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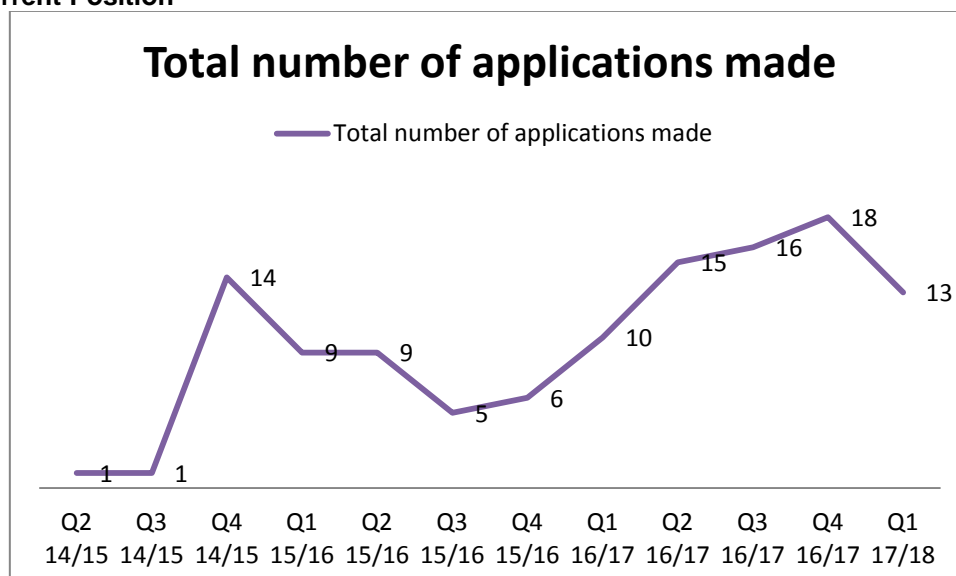
1. Executive Summary

The purpose of this paper is to update the Board of Directors on the number of applications made for quarter 1 2017/18 in relation to the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS). For Q1 a total of 13 Deprivation of Liberty Applications have been made to 9 different local authorities across the catchment area. This is a reduction of 28% compared with the previous quarter.

2. Background

The Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) were introduced in 2009 (as an addendum to the Mental Capacity Act 2005 and a strong link to the Mental Health Act 2007). DoLS aim to prevent the unlawful detention of adults in hospitals and care settings who lack capacity to choose where they live and/or to consent to care and treatment. DoLS are compatible with Article 5 of the European Convention on Human Rights (the right to liberty and security of person).

3. Current Position



MCA Assessments and DoLS Applications – Q1 (2017/18)

For Q1 a total of 13 Deprivation of Liberty Applications have been made to 9 different local authorities across the catchment area. This is a reduction of 28% compared with the previous quarter.

Of the total 13 applications, all were standard and urgent applications.

1 standard application was approved for 1 month, patient discharged within that time.

2 urgent applications were issued and the standards were not required as the patients were discharged or transferred within the 14 day urgent period.

5 applications were discontinued as the forms were completed but not sent due to the following reasons:

- In 1 case the patient passed away before form could be sent
- In 1 case it was felt that the patient met the current criteria for Critical Care patient
- In 2 cases the patients were re-assessed as having capacity
- In 1 case there was a delay in sending the form due to IT issues following the NHS cyber-attack, patient was re-assessed following this and it was felt he now had capacity.

As of 30th June 2017 3 applications were ongoing

MCA and DoLS Mandatory training is currently at 97% across the trust.

There are no new risks to be highlighted on this report.

4. Recommendations

The Board of Directors are asked to note the numbers of applications made and assessments undertaken.