

Have your say on the Mental Capacity (Amendment) Bill

The House of Commons Public Bill Committee have an open consultation on the Mental Capacity (Amendment) Bill.

It is open to everyone and I would encourage as many people and organisations that have an interest in Deprivation of Liberty to feed into this discussion, especially if they have any specific concerns or criticisms with the Bill as it stands.

The consultation opened on the 4th January 2019 and the **closing date is 15th January 2019.**

Full details are here:

www.parliament.uk/business/news/2018/december/have-your-say-on-the-mental-capacity-amendment-bill/

Please email comments to: scrutiny@parliament.uk

(as a word document with your name, details of your profession or interest in LPS, that you are writing in a personal capacity and the submission you are making is for the *Mental Capacity (Amendment) Bill*).

Provide details of concerns or changes you think should be made to the Bill. It is important to give reasons for any changes you think should be made. Members of Parliament may have differing degrees of understanding of DoLS and therefore it would be helpful to explain real situations (confidential/anonymised).

The more people that write to the Committee the greater the impact. It can be brief, bullet points, or up to 3000 words max.

Consider the BASW's briefing and the third-party sector briefing for reflection. The Law Society have also commented on the Bill and Community Care have also been following the progression closely. For information see:

- BASW
<https://www.basw.co.uk/system/files/resources/Ensuring%20the%20role%20of%20specialist%20assessors%20under%20Liberty%20Protection%20Safeguards.pdf>
- Law Society
<https://www.lawsociety.org.uk/policy-campaigns/public-affairs/parliamentary-briefing/mental-capacity-amendment-bill-hol-report-stage/>
- Third Party sector briefing
<http://www.edgetraining.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Mental-Capacity-Bill-Third-sector-briefing-2R-debate-18.12.2018-1.pdf>
- Community Care
<https://www.communitycare.co.uk/2018/12/17/lords-approves-dols-replacement-bill-following-significant-changes-boost-safeguards-detained/>