

Data Quality Statement

Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS)

Annual 2010/11 submission

Relevance:	Monitors the number of applications made for deprivation of liberty restrictions to be applied across England.
Comparability:	Data has been recorded since 1 April 2009. Data has been reported quarterly and annual since then with bi-annual reporting starting December 2011.
Timeliness:	Data from the quarterly submissions are usually published around 12 weeks after the end of the period. Data from the annual submissions are usually published around 16 weeks after the end of the period.
Accessibility:	The publication is accessible via the NHS IC internet as a PDF document with supporting MS Excel reference tables and a machine readable data file.
Burden:	Data collection is a statutory requirement for Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) and Local Authorities (LAs). Data is collected electronically and made available for production as a by-product of the statutory requirement.
Confidentiality:	All publications are subject to a standard NHS IC risk assessment prior to issue. Disclosure control is implemented where it is judged as necessary.

Coverage:

All Local Authorities and Primary Care Trusts have to submit this return. If there are no data to report for the period then a nil return is submitted.

For this reporting period, data was submitted by 151 Primary Care Trusts and 152 Local Authorities.

Notes when using the data:

Some data providers have submitted changes to their original quarterly submissions; these changes have been taken into account in this DoLS annual data.

Question 6 changed from July 2010 (Q2 2010/11). The question was changed to enable the data collection to record the number of people who had a disability. Prior to July 2010 a person could have more than 1 disability and appear in multiple categories and sub-categories. From July 2010 onwards, a person may only appear in one category and, where appropriate, one sub-category of that category to ensure that the reason the Deprivation of Liberty was applied for is recorded.