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Data tables

Deprivation of liberty safeguards

Table 1: Number of DoLS completed applications for adults with learning disabilities and all other groups

	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Adults with learning disabilities aged 18+									
Total	1,550	1,315	1,513	1,304	1,043	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
All other adults aged 18+									
Total	5,607	7,667	9,880	10,583	11,995	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total adults aged 18+									
Total	7,157	8,982	11,393	11,887	13,038	62,645	105,055	151,970	181,785
Data Source: Mental Capacity Act (2005), Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards Assessments (England) –Annual reports on annual data									

Table 2: Number of DoLS completed applications granted (G) and not granted (NG) for adults with learning disabilities and all other groups

	2009/10		2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15		2015/16		2016/17		2017/18	
	G	NG	G	NG	G	NG	G	NG	G	NG	G	NG	G	NG	G	NG	G	NG
Adults with learning disabilities aged 18+																		
Total	654	896	712	603	814	699	669	635	576	467	8,795	n/a	10,055	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
All other adults aged 18+																		
Total	2,643	2,964	4,239	3,428	5,529	4,351	5,877	4,706	7,053	4,942	43,400	n/a	66,475	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total adults aged 18+																		
Total	3,297	3,860	4,951	4,031	6,343	5,050	6,546	5,341	7,629	5,409	52,195	10,520	76,530	28,525	96,340	55,630	110,980	70,805
Data Source: Mental Capacity Act (2005), Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards Assessments (England) – Annual reports on annual data. G=Granted; NG=Not Granted																		