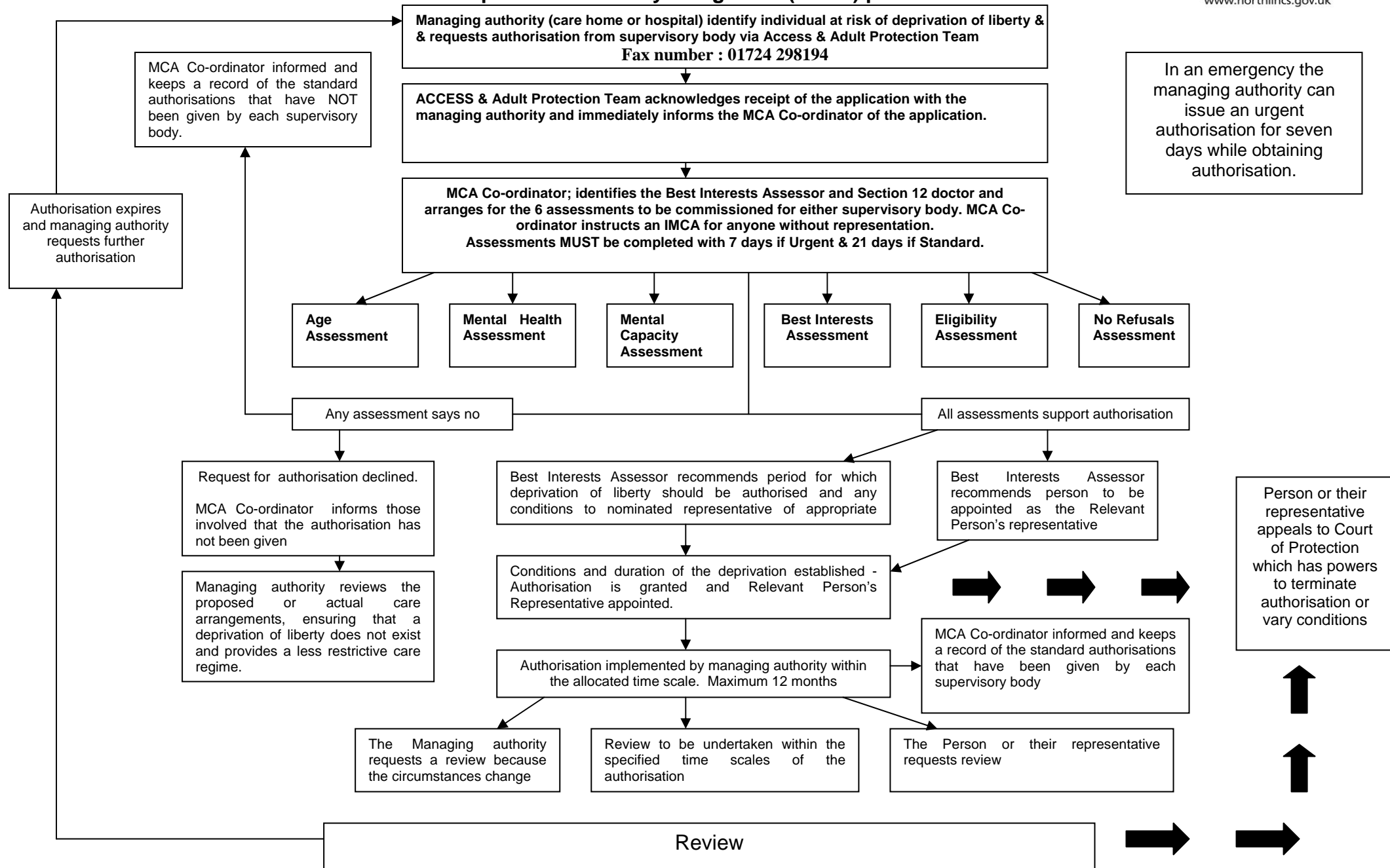


Overview of the deprivation of liberty safeguards (DOLS) process



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The MCA DOL safeguards apply to anyone:

- Aged 18 and over
- Who suffers from a mental disorder or disability of the mind – such as dementia or a profound learning disability
- Who lacks the capacity to give informed consent to the arrangements made for their care and/or treatment and
- For whom deprivation of liberty (within the meaning of Article 5 of the ECHR) is considered after an independent assessment to be necessary in their best interests to protect them from harm.

The safeguards cover patients in hospitals, and people in hospitals, and people in care homes registered under the Care Standards Act 2000, whether placed under public or private arrangements.

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Mental Capacity Act 2005 Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards.

The Mental Capacity Act 2005 provides a statutory framework for acting and making decisions on behalf of individuals who lack the mental capacity to do so for themselves.

From 1 April 2009 onwards, the Act contains procedures for authorising the deprivation of liberty in hospitals and care homes of some people who lack capacity to consent to being there.