

## ***Newsletter, Spring 2018***

We hope this newsletter contains some items of interest – please feel free to ask us about anything in it, and/or to forward it to anyone else who you think might like to receive it.

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### **Government response to the Law Commission’s proposals to abolish DoLS**

As you probably know, the Law Commission published its proposals in March 2017 to replace the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards with a new system, provisionally called the Liberty Protection Safeguards. The [Department of Health has now responded to these proposals](#), and has accepted most of them. They say they will bring forward legislation to implement the LPS “when Parliamentary time allows”. Of course this phrase is sufficiently vague to include any timescale, from “very soon” to “a long way in the future”. We will update you again as soon as there is anything more definite.

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### **New in-house training session available: “Learning Lessons from Court of Protection Cases”**

This is an excellent way for you and your colleagues to keep up to date with a range of Mental Capacity Act/DOLS cases that have been heard in the Court of Protection. It is especially appropriate for professionals who have attended MCA/DOLS training in the past and want something at a higher level. We look at, amongst other topics, what the Court has said about assessing capacity, best interests decisions and unwise decisions. We come to you, and deliver the training at your venue on a date of your choosing. [Click here for more details](#), or give us a call, or just reply to this newsletter.

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### **#Inclusionmatters free video clips**

The Down’s Syndrome Association has put together a [set of six informative and entertaining short video clips](#), all under the theme of #Inclusionmatters.

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### **Premium sessions with Tim Spencer-Lane of the Law Commission**

Tim is a lawyer with the Law Commission, who was in charge of their review of the DOLS and their proposals to bring in the Liberty Protection Safeguards (see above). We're delighted to be teaming up with Tim to offer some premium sessions on a range of issues, including:

- The Mental Health Act/Mental Capacity Act Interface
- Deprivation of Liberty in Children & Young People
- Legal Update for Best Interests Assessors

Tim can come to your venue, on a date to suit you. For more [details please click here](#), or call us, or just reply to this newsletter.

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## “Awareness” weeks in May

14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018 is [Dying Matters Awareness Week](#) in the UK. The theme is “What can you do in your community?” It is also, coincidentally, [Mental Health Awareness Week](#), which this year has a focus on stress.

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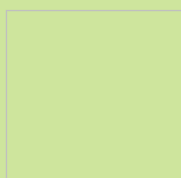
## General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

The GDPR will take effect across the EU on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Its purpose is to ensure that personal data (eg email addresses, dates of birth etc) is held securely, and for a legitimate purpose. We have a [brand new e-learning course available on the GDPR](#) which you might find helpful.

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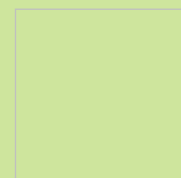
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