

Coronavirus and the Mental Capacity Act 2005

Coronavirus Bill 2020: Guidance on the Government's proposed legislation to fight Coronavirus. The Bill will go for second reading on 23.03.20 and should receive Royal Assent by the end of March.

The Coronavirus Bill does not propose any amendments to the Mental Capacity Act 2005.

At the time of writing there is no official guidance as to DoLS applications or extension of timescales.

Guidance being produced by the various public bodies such as those listed below highlight that the principles and provisions of the MCA continue to apply.

[Click here to view the COVID-19 Hospital Discharge Service Requirements.](#)

[Click here to view the COVID-19 Ethical Framework for Adult Social Care.](#)

It has been announced that Court of Protection will continue to operate, using telephone and Skype technology where possible.