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Session Abstract

## The practicalities and realities of DoLS within palliative care practice

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The law relating to deprivation of liberty is complex and can be challenging, nowhere more so than in the palliative care setting. This session is led by Alex Ruck Keene, an expert in the field of mental capacity law and editor of *Deprivation of Liberty: A Practical Guide* (Law Society: 2015), guidance commissioned by the Department of Health. It will look at the law from the perspective of the clinicians and nurses involved in palliative care and provide guidance as to how to navigate the complexities of the legislation without losing sight of the core principles of the Mental Capacity Act and of the delivery of high quality care.

Please note, this session will address the legal provisions that apply in England and Wales. Different legal provisions apply in Scotland; the session will outline sources of information about them but will not address them in detail.