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DOLs Update

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A New Era for DoLS: AGNI 2026

Landmark UK legal ruling by the Supreme Court on 2nd June 2026

Overruled Cheshire West and the *Acid Test*

Replaced with a broader, multi-factorial assessment

Greater emphasis on a person's wishes and feelings

The AGNI judgment reinforces the need to balance human rights, autonomy, protection, and proportionality when considering restrictions on a person's liberty.

UK Supreme Court 2026 judgment on what constitutes a deprivation of liberty - GOV.UK
CQC statement on the Supreme Court's judgment on deprivation of liberty - Care Quality Commission
Essex Safeguarding Adults Board | Essex SAB

Interim Deprivation of Liberty Practice Guidance (AGNI Judgment 2026) | Provider Hub | Essex