



PROVIDER FORUM NEWSLETTER

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COVID-19: GUIDANCE FOR PEOPLE WHOSE IMMUNE SYSTEM MEANS THEY ARE AT HIGHER RISK

For the latest advice from the Department for Health and Social Care (updated 21/09/2023), please click onto the following link:

[COVID-19: guidance for people whose immune system means they are at higher risk - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-guidance-for-people-whose-immune-system-means-they-are-at-higher-risk)

SAFEGUARDING CONFERENCE – 17TH APRIL 2024

Advance Notice - a safeguarding conference/learning event will be held locally in the Grimsby area and will be open to all care providers and health professionals.



If you want to raise a new **safeguarding concern**, this can be done by calling 01472 256 256.

If you have any **query regarding an open safeguarding case, or a closed/or archived case**, please call 01472 232 244.

If you would like to speak with somebody within the **training teams**, please call 0300 330 2975 for Training and 0300 330 2830 for Employee Services or visit the website:

[Training & Recruitment – Focus \(focusadultsocialwork.co.uk\)](https://focusadultsocialwork.co.uk)

SAFEGUARDING AND MCA NEWSLETTER

For the latest Safeguarding and MCA newsletter (October 2023), please click onto the following link:

[MCA & Safeguarding Adults e-newsletter issue 15 \(campaign-archive.com\)](https://campaign-archive.com)

MCA COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST

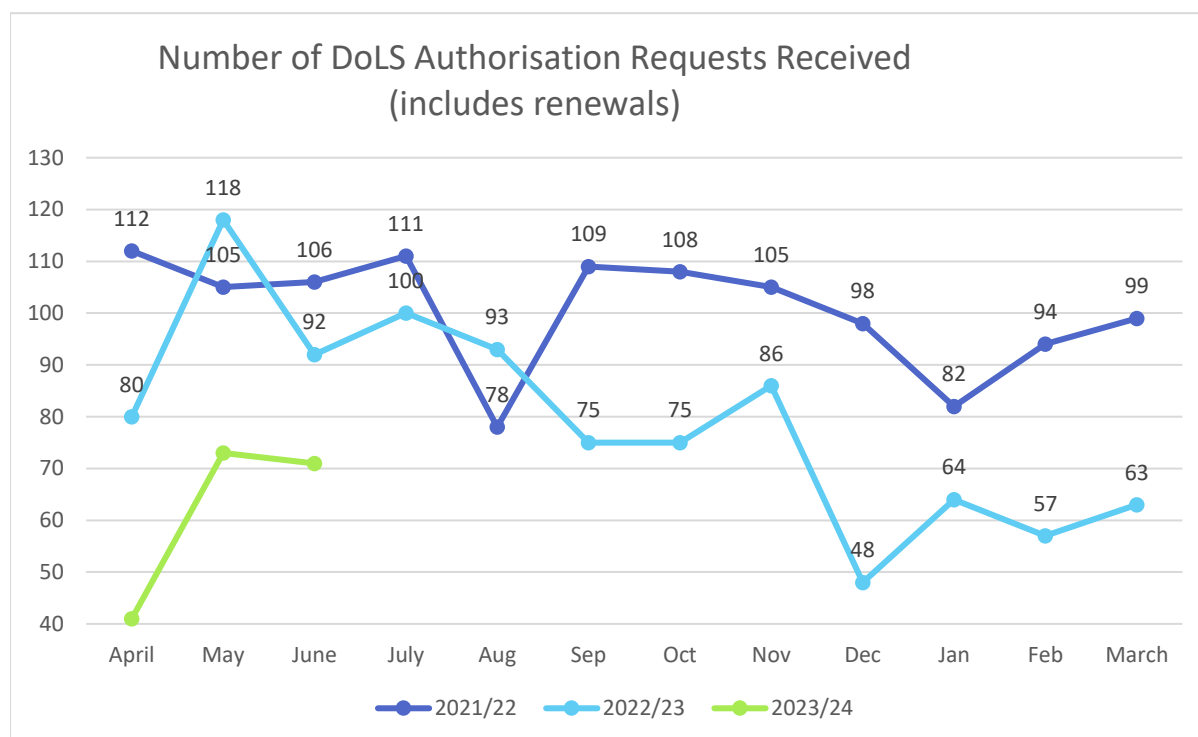
Prior to the Covid pandemic, you may recall attending some local workshops that formed part of the planning for the implementation of the Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS). Earlier this year, the Government announced that they no longer have plans to continue with the LPS, so the current arrangements for the authorisation of Deprivation of Liberty (DoL) in both standard and non-standard settings will remain for the foreseeable future.

In North East Lincolnshire, in line with national initiatives, work is being undertaken by the MCA Subgroup of the Safeguarding Adults Board to explore whether current DoL and DoLS processes can be streamlined to maximise resources and reduce some of the duplication that is intrinsic within the current system. As part of this work, a checklist has been developed to help promote best practice in the consideration of the MCA and DoL/DoLS – this handy tool is nearly ready for publication and will be included in the next issue.

DEPRIVATION OF LIBERTY SAFEGUARDS ACTIVITY REPORT – QUARTER 1 2023/24

The following provides an overview of the authorisation of deprivations of liberty within NEL over the period April - June 2023.

AUTHORISATION REQUESTS RECEIVED



- Application rates continue to fluctuate in line with seasonal variation. This is believed to be spikes and troughs associated with renewals, combined with the use of residential placements to prevent hospital admissions and support discharges.
- The social care:health split of applications remains approx. 80:20.

OUTCOMES

- There were 292 applications processed this quarter.
- The number of authorisations granted this quarter is 155.
- There were 137 applications not granted/authorised.
- This figure comprises::
 - 46 = deceased
 - 88 = discharged
 - 2 = assessment criteria not met (2 = mental capacity)
 - 1 = Not applicable

OPERATIONAL

- The number of active authorisations (standard settings) at the end of Q1 = 410
- Reliance on out of hours BIA assessment activity remains a risk
- The number of BIA assessments completed in Q1 = 161
- The number of active authorisations (non-standard settings) at the end of Q1 = 33
- The number (non-standard) waiting decision from the Court at the end of Q1 = 37

FORECASTING

- The number of DoLS applications (standard settings) awaiting assessment at the end of Q1 is 266.
- The number of DoL applications (non-standard settings) awaiting assessment at the end of Q1 is 145

Applications Awaiting Authorisation (Standard Settings)

Fig.1 – Q1 - YTD 2023/24

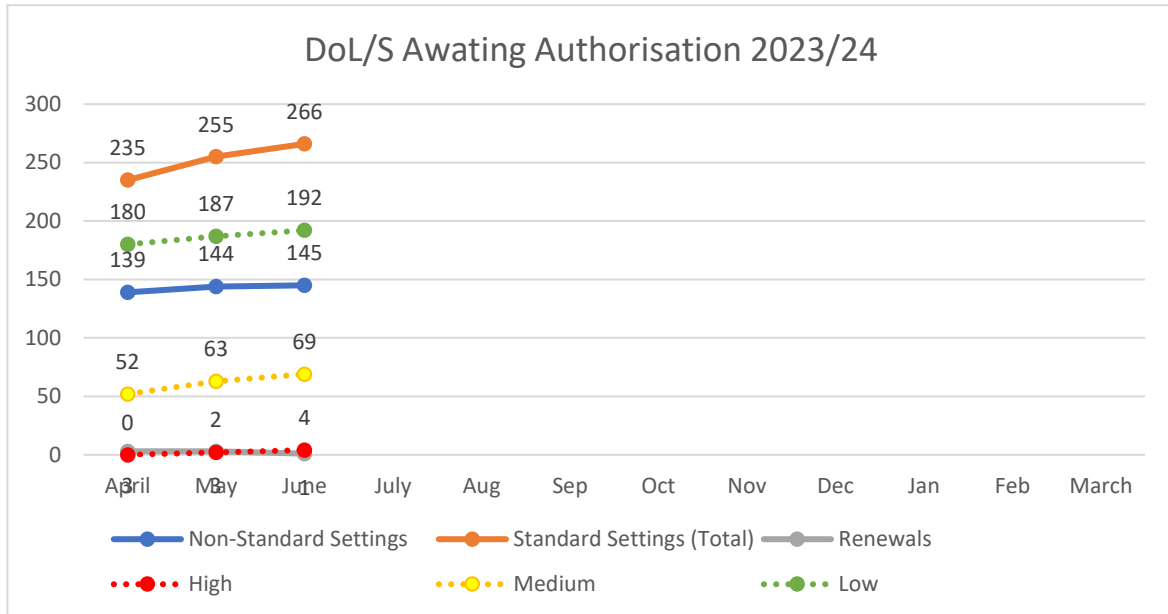
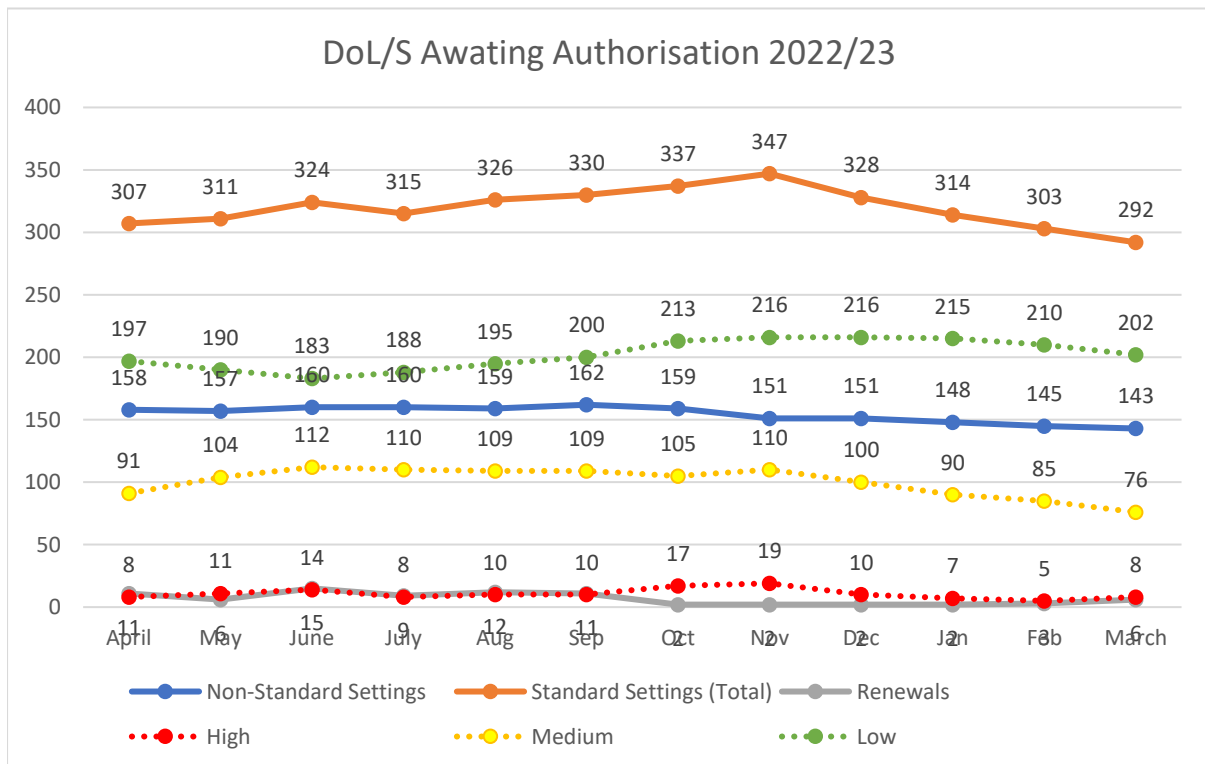
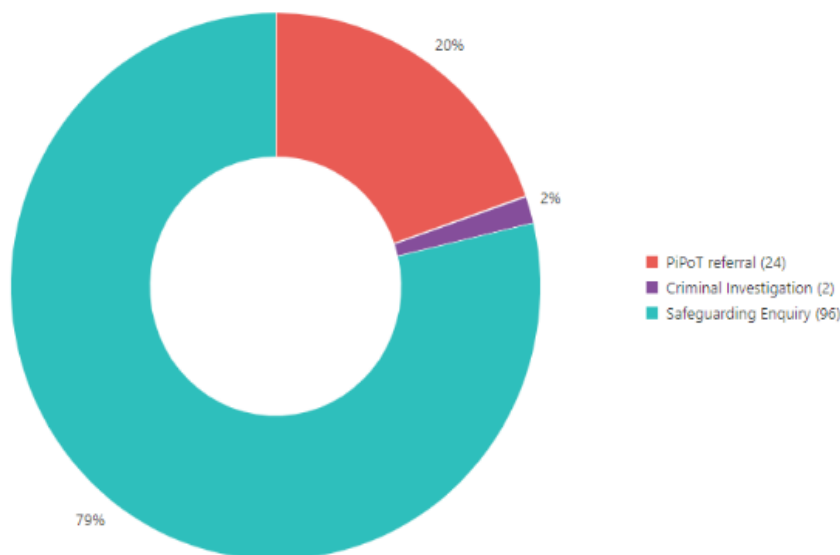


Fig. 2 - Comparable Trend lines for applications awaiting allocation 2022/23



DESIGNATED ADULT SAFEGUARDING MANAGER'S REPORT 2022/23

During the period between 31/03/2022 and 01/04/2023, 144 calls were opened and 122 closed.

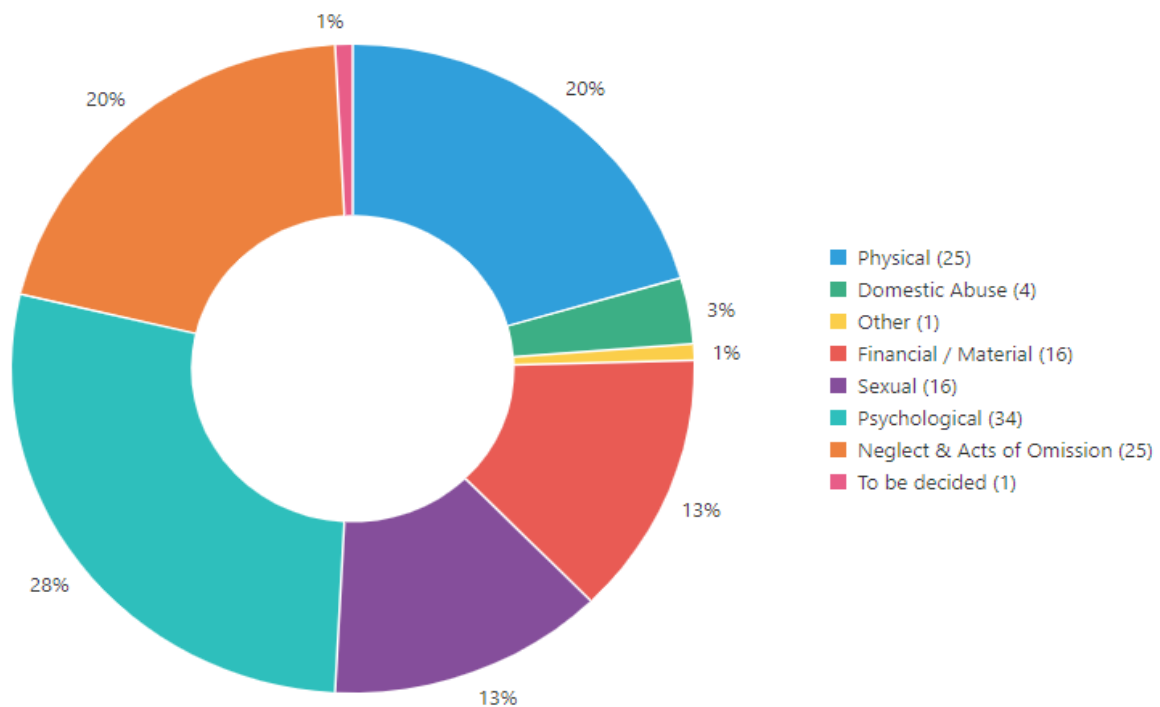


144 calls were opened:

86 safeguarding enquiries;

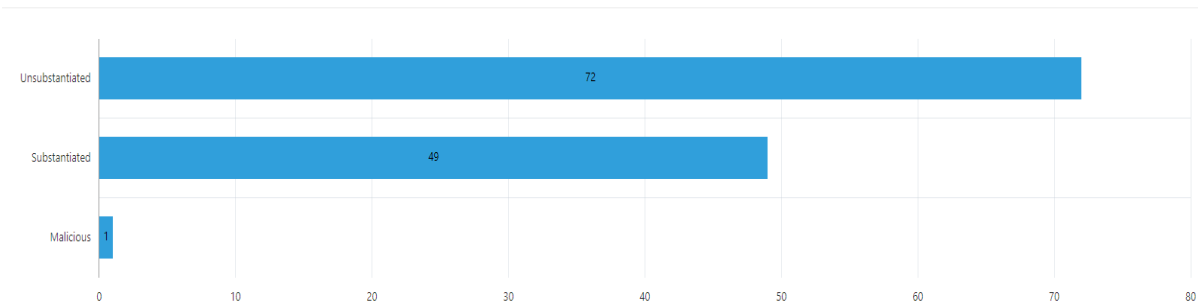
24 PiPoT referrals;

and 2 criminal investigations



122 calls were closed:
72 were found to be unsubstantiated;
49 substantiated;
and 1 to be malicious.

Closure Code



Closure Actions

