DOLS guidance

The documents that should accompany a DOLS application, where possible, are:-

1. Physical restraint policy
2. Secure transport precautions policy
3. Residential unit safety plan to include fire risks
4. Details in respect of one to one supervision/ overnight waking nights
5. Details in respect of monitoring conversations
6. Ofsted report

The evidence in support of the substantive application (interim or final) should address the following matters and include:

1. The nature of the regime in which it is proposed to place the child, identifying and describing those salient features which it is said do or may involve "confinement".
2. The child's circumstances, identifying and describing those aspects of the child's situation which it is said require that the child be placed as proposed and be subjected to the proposed regime and, where possible, the future prognosis.
3. Why it is said that the proposed placement and regime are necessary and proportionate in meeting the child's welfare needs and that no less restrictive regime will do.
4. The views of the child, the parents and the IRO, the most recent care plan, the minutes of the most recent LAC or other statutory review and any recent reports in relation to the child's physical and/or mental health.