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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE A1 **E+W**

[^{F1}HOSPITAL AND CARE HOME RESIDENTS: DEPRIVATION OF LIBERTY]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Sch. A1 omitted (16.5.2019 for specified purposes) by virtue of [Mental Capacity \(Amendment\) Act 2019](#) (c. 18), s. 6(3), [Sch. 2 para. 2\(c\)](#)

[^{F1}PART 3 **E+W**

THE QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS

The best interests requirement

- 16 (1) The relevant person meets the best interests requirement if all of the following conditions are met.
- (2) The first condition is that the relevant person is, or is to be, a detained resident.
- (3) The second condition is that it is in the best interests of the relevant person for him to be a detained resident.
- (4) The third condition is that, in order to prevent harm to the relevant person, it is necessary for him to be a detained resident.
- (5) The fourth condition is that it is a proportionate response to—
- (a) the likelihood of the relevant person suffering harm, and
 - (b) the seriousness of that harm,
- for him to be a detained resident.]

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 58(4)(ca) inserted by [2023 c. 42 Sch. para. 10](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 4A inserted by [2023 c. 42 Sch. para. 3](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 10A and cross-heading inserted by [2023 c. 42 Sch. para. 6](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 13A inserted by [2023 c. 42 Sch. para. 7\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 16(1A) inserted by [2023 c. 42 Sch. para. 8\(b\)](#)