**Role of the DoLS Team**

1. **Assessment and Authorization**:
   * The DoLS team assesses whether a person's care arrangements amount to a deprivation of liberty. If so, they ensure that this deprivation is necessary, proportionate, and in the person's best interests
2. **Safeguarding Rights**:
   * They safeguard the rights of individuals who lack the capacity to consent to their care and treatment. This includes appointing a representative to support the person and ensuring access to advocacy services
3. **Legal Compliance**:
   * The team ensures that all actions comply with legal requirements under the Mental Capacity Act 2005. They handle applications for standard authorizations and ensure that all necessary assessments are completed
4. **Monitoring and Review**:
   * The DoLS team regularly reviews the care arrangements to ensure they remain appropriate and necessary. They also respond to any changes in the individual's condition or circumstances
5. **Support and Guidance**:
   * They provide support and guidance to care providers, families, and professionals involved in the individual's care. This includes explaining the DoLS process and helping to navigate any legal or procedural complexities

Overall, the DoLS team plays a crucial role in protecting the rights and wellbeing of vulnerable adults in adult social care settings