

## 39 Essex Chambers Mental Capacity Newsletter

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Since the middle of 2010, and responding to what we saw as a dearth of easily accessible material for practitioners, we have produced a free newsletter (now published 10 times a year) aimed at social workers, clinicians, legal practitioners and the judiciary to disseminate relevant case-law and developments in a comprehensible fashion. The newsletter is now divided into sub-newsletters addressing particular areas for busy practitioners. We also publish regular guidance notes on areas of particular difficulty, and maintain a free database of case comments alongside other relevant material on our Chambers website

<http://www.39essex.com/resources-and-training/mental-capacity-law/>. Alex also established his own – free – website, [www.mentalcapacitylawandpolicy.org.uk](http://www.mentalcapacitylawandpolicy.org.uk), to accompany and amplify the Chambers materials.

Key case summaries from the newsletter are now additionally summarised in ‘one pager’ format on the SCIE website.

### Project results/evaluation

The newsletter, which now goes to over 5,000 direct subscribers (and which we know is forwarded on to many more, including the majority of the nominated judges of the Court of Protection) has been described as a ‘bible’ for the legal profession in Chambers & Partners. More importantly, we regularly hear that it is the only source of useful information for front-line health and social care practitioners.

### Project area classification

Hospital care	x	Emergency care	x
GP care	x	Dementia	x
Social care		Learning disability	
Voluntary sector	x	Other mental health	x
Financial services	x	Palliative care	x
Police	x	Advance planning, LPAs	x
Legal	x	Commissioning	x
Community health care	x	Training	
Nursing and care home		For professionals?	x
Acute care	x	For public and service users?	
Chronic care	x		