

How Does It Feel...To Make Best Interest Decisions and Have A Best Interest Decision Made For You!

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Project method

Our aim is to make staff personally aware of how it feels to have decisions made for you, but we wanted to do this in a fun way to promote learning, empathy and understanding. We are planning an evening out, prior to the evening each staff member will draw the name of another staff member out of a hat, this will remain a secret. They must decide what their drawn person should wear and make the menu choices for that person. On the night each person will say whether or not the dress and menu choices they were given are what they would have chosen for themselves. We will then discuss how it felt to make these decisions on someone else's behalf and how it felt to have such decisions made for you.

Project results/evaluation

Our aim is that we will have heightened awareness of making decisions on another person's behalf and the importance of knowing that person's preferences. Increase staff empathy with service user's that have no means of communication.

Project area classification

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