

Birmingham and Sandwell CCGs Mental Capacity Act Project Team – Deaf Resource

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Project method

Worked in partnership with community organisation DeafPlus, we facilitated two sessions for Deaf and Hard of Hearing people – one informing people of their rights in terms of decision making and how they can use the MCA to retain choice and control in the future. The second session was consultative about people's experiences in decision making, that this is often characterised by a lack of accessible information and support with their communication needs. We also listened to people's views about what could help to get the message across to people in their community. We learned that there isn't any up to date information specifically aimed at Deaf and Hard of Hearing people about the MCA, their rights and planning ahead for the future. We produced a fact sheet with information specifically aimed at Deaf and hard of Hearing people about LPAs and ADRTs.

Project results/evaluation

Following on from what we learned we are currently working with other people and partner organisations, including members of the public, BID, the National Centre for Deaf Mental Health in Birmingham and Action on Hearing Loss and to produce an information film about the MCA, decision making and planning ahead. This will be signed and subtitled and contains a real story, which people told us would be the most effective way to engage people's attention.

Project area classification

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