

# Development of a SystmOne Mental Capacity Act and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards template for clinicians.

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## Project method

The need for evidence based MCA documentation was identified from SystmOne user feedback (including hospital staff, GP's and community staff). A range of organisations were invited to meetings to develop and produce a SystmOne template that would underpin clinical practice and help embed the MCA further into practice. By breaking down silos, key issues were highlighted in the multi-agency forum and addressed. The template is a model of best practice ensuring patient care is underpinned by the Mental Capacity Act and reassurance for our practitioners that they are acting in accordance with legislation. The template includes the five key principles, the option to record Lasting Power of Attorney, IMCA involvement, assessment of capacity with prompts and underpinning documentation, determining best interests for a person lacking mental capacity and supporting documentation. There is a DoL tab to record relevant DoLS information, for example the outcome of a DoLS application and links to relevant legislation.

## Project results/evaluation

The MCA and DoLS template has very recently been launched and has links to and from it with the safeguarding adult's template and advance care planning template. Further review meetings are being arranged and the template's use in practice will be measured and evaluated. Clinicians are being advised that the template is available and themes and trends of use can be identified from the read codes used.

## Project area classification

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