

Ceredigion Mental Capacity Act Team

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Project method

From September 2015:

Inception of a specialist MCA Team consisting of two senior social workers who are both AMHPs and BIAs and one admin support.

Remit:

- to train, mentor and support workers to embed the principles of the MCA in all practice, including care homes.
- to train and mentor BIAs to improve compliance with timescales for DoLS assessments.
- to scope and accurately report on DoLS.
- to carry out complex DoLS assessments
- to support teams with complex capacity assessments
- to identify cases requiring application to CoP and work with the legal department to develop planned applications rather than reactive ones.

Project results/evaluation

Early days, but:

- starting to see improvement in MCA processes in case work resulting in DoLs being the last resort after less restrictive options tried;
- improvements in care planning in care homes to reduce restrictive measures;
- increase in BIAs to undertake DoLS assessments
- increase in workers being able to identify a DoL resulting in increase in requests
- It system for reporting on DoLS introduced
- Have identified MCA champions in the private sector and LA homes to share good practice and understanding.

Backlog of requests for DoLs waiting to be assessed remains – aim to improve and reduce backlog within the next 6 months.

Full evaluation due after 1 year. As funding is time limited currently to one year we are actively working with the Elected Members and Senior Management Team to demonstrate the value of the service to service users and the organisation.

Project area classification

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| Hospital care | | Dementia | X |
| GP care | | Learning disability | X |
| Social care | X | Other mental health | X |
| Voluntary sector | | Palliative care | |
| Financial services | | Advance planning, LPAs | |
| Police | | Commissioning | |
| Legal | | Training | X |

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| Community health care | | For professionals? | X |
| Nursing and care home | X | For public and service users? | X |
| Acute care | | | |