

Mental Capacity Act Task and Finish Group – Lambeth

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Project method

Ongoing project; Lambeth Multi-Agency MCA Task and Finish group has brought together a range of groups from health, social care and voluntary sector to consider how understanding and skills can be enhanced. A range of mini-projects have been set up, for example

1. Enhancing involvement of Local Authority Housing in MCA. Support given/ planned for local authority housing officers in terms of training, supervision and resources in relation to the termination of tenancy procedure for tenants without capacity, where previously there had been inconsistent approaches. Additionally improving confidence and skills of housing officers in contributing to best interest decisions, and increasing awareness of other sectors of the contribution available from the housing officers around best interest decisions.

2. Service user and carer involvement via non-statutory organisations around MCA compliance in statutory organisations. The purpose of this is to inform and guide local practice from the experiences of local people.

Project results/evaluation

Evaluation will consist of a variety of means depending on mini-project. For example the housing project will be evaluated using surveys and interviews with staff, auditing housing officers understanding of MCA and tenancy guidance through use of vignettes and audit of cases where tenancy issues have arisen.

Project area classification

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