

Assurance on MCA Compliance for Local Safeguarding Adults Board

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Project method

The MCA/DOLS Sub Group of the Local Derby City and Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board is a multi-agency group whose role is to provide assurance to the Safeguarding Boards on member agencies implementation of the Mental Capacity Act. As part of this work the group has shared best practice and tools that are used in relation to the Mental Capacity Act. This has been done on the basis of a care pathway for the individual when coming into contact with an agency. At present the group has looked at first contact with the agency and how capacity is considered and best interest decisions made where appropriate. The agencies who are members of the group include the Local Authority, the CCG, Health care providers, the CQC, Advocacy Groups, and the Police

Project results/evaluation

Agencies have had access to tools that are used in other agencies in relation to the Mental Capacity Act. These include guidance around the completion of capacity assessments and best interest meetings. We have received positive feedback from all the agencies involved who have been able to revise their practice drawing on the experience and tools of that other agencies use.

Project area classification

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