

MCA/DoLS Intensive Support Project within a Large Acute Service provider

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Project method

The project primarily consists of 'Intensive Support Weeks' (ISW) where the Trust's small SA team work alongside clinical staff, participating in core ward activities with the entire multidisciplinary team. The aim of the ISW is to embed theoretical learning of MCA/DoLS into clinical practice - demystifies the Act, supports learning, tackles and problem solves 'real time' MCA issues, supportively challenges practice, 'makes sense' of the Act for practitioners, examines 'live issues' and offers practical solutions.

Project results/evaluation

Project is not due for completion until July 2016. However, Phase One evaluation was completed June 2015 and presented to the Trust's Executive Quality Board. The team were able to demonstrate positive contributions to the multidisciplinary team and improved patient outcomes. ISW approach has been positively evaluated by staff and we have observed an increased number of IMCA referrals and DoLS applications following ISW (this continues even when the team move to a new area).

Project area classification

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