MCA for Families, Friends and Carers - Free Training Course

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Project method

As an experienced training organisation, we believe that cases such as Steven Neary v Hillingdon 2011 highlight the need to empower families from an unbiased independent perspective by informing them about the Mental Capacity Act (the Act). Terms such as 'best interests meetings' and mental capacity can appear baffling to some families. They may not know when/how they can challenge decision-making by staff under the Act. We think they are disadvantaged to an extent because staff receive in house training on the Act but families do not.

We decided to put on a free training course for families of those who (may) lack mental capacity to empower them to work with the Act. It would also help those unfairly labelled as lacking capacity or controlled because of their condition. For example, during training, some staff report to us that parents of adult children with learning disabilities did not always realise their children could make their own decisions if they had capacity. In other cases, families thought they were automatically their relative's attorney because they are related.

Project results/evaluation

The course will be held on 25th April in central London. The trainer (Aasya Mughal) has had experience of talking to families groups.

As the day is yet to run, we do not know the results and are not able to evaluate it but would be happy to submit a further document after the 25th April.

Project area classification

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