

Mental Capacity Act Project

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Project method

This is a 12 month project funded by Dudley, Walsall and Wolverhampton CCGs. The Project is here to support health teams with the embedding of the Mental Capacity Act across the boroughs, raise public awareness of the Act and how it can benefit them.

We have undertaken a scoping exercise, looking at the use and understanding of MCA and DoLS in health teams.

We will collaborate with a range of professionals across the boroughs to develop resources to embed the use of MCA and DoLS including a GP resource pack.

We are in the planning stages of putting together a free training tool; a DVD on the use of the MCA in action in various clinical settings. This will be available on our website for free.

A key aim is to engage with the public, we produced information for the public raising awareness and dispelling myths in relation to MCA/planning for the future and are now working with Experts by Experience to ensure it is accessible information for the public.

Project results/evaluation

Four months into the project

Attended 5 Nurse Revalidation events (approximately 500 attendees), to provide MCA/DoLS toolkits, fact sheets. The nurses found this very useful and said they will be using the care plan toolkits to audit whether they are meeting the MCA requirements.

We have done some MCA awareness events for the public, the MCA myths and step-by-step information on LPAs and Advance statements were well received with a number of people saying that they will use the information to plan for their future. Another member of the public said that she was grateful for the information as she felt empowered; she had the information and could challenge staff if they did not follow the guiding principles.

Collaborative working- established links with the main hospitals and local authorities. Following a request from a general hospital, we are working on a poster and a toolkit that staff can use to cover the interface between MHA/MCA /DoLS.

The project newsletter has been shared with a significant number of people and teams across the boroughs, it was well received people found the format refreshing.

Project area classification

Hospital care	x	Emergency care	
GP care	x	Dementia	x
Social care		Learning disability	x
Voluntary sector	x	Other mental health	x
Financial services		Palliative care	x

Part of the MCA Directory www.scie.org.uk/mca-directory/

Police		Advance planning, LPAs	x
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	x		