

Planning For the Future: Advanced Decisions and Lasting Power of Attorney

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With funding from NHS England, Plymouth Safeguarding Adults Board delivered interactive training workshops to raise awareness of power of attorney and advance decisions. The aim was to increase the confidence of health, social care and third sector workers to advise members of the public about LPA/AD. An independent trainer was commissioned to become familiar with the material and deliver the 3-hour sessions. We used the opportunity to review and reinforce the principles of the MCA and introduce the role of court appointed deputies. To make the session interactive, we used fictional AD examples on real, publically available templates to consider if they were valid and applicable. We held mock advice clinics where participants could practice answering common questions and signposting people to other sources of information. We also produced a public information leaflet that can now be distributed to members of the public by those who attended the workshop.

Project results/evaluation

More than 200 people have attended so far. The workshops have been very well received. Some comments include: "Informative, informal and friendly, held my interest", "interactive, thorough and good knowledge and challenged my perceptions", "very clear, gave information that was particularly relevant", "clear, precise, jargon free", "very relevant to my workplace", "informative and given in a way that was easy to understand. I'm glad I have attended and I know now the difference between advance decision and advanced statement", "workshops combined with theoretical frameworks and case studies provided a well-rounded learning experience", "a very informative and easily understood presentation of a complex subject"

Project area classification

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