

ADASS Master Class “Developing a strategic approach to managing the requirements of the Mental Capacity Act and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards and managing the risks”.

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Project method

Background I was until redundancy and early retirement 18 months ago a Professional Development Manager /MCA/DOLS Lead Officer & Safeguarding Manager for Barnsley MBC. I was also chair of the Yorkshire & Humber MCA/ DOLS Regional Network for 2 years during which time I was involved and had a strong influence of the development of SCIE Report 66 (Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards: putting them into practice) with Lucy Bonnerjea (DoH) and Rachel Griffith (SCIE now CQC). This was the first attempt to set Governance Standards for MCA/DOLS, which have been successfully utilised by many LAs. When I left Barnsley they were in a healthy position in their implementation of the culture change of MCA/DOLS. I was to retire gracefully but several LA's sought my Professional Clinical Advice in their development of MCA/DOLS. This led to me undertaking three independent reviews of MCA/DOLS systems and I have helped in a fourth in the Y & H region. I have a consistent track record of helping and support LA's/CCGs in improving their understanding, implementation, compliance, Governance and culture change of MCA/DOLS. This has previously been acknowledged by DoH and SCIE but more recently by ADASS.

Project results/evaluation

This work has been recognised by Regional ADASS and they approached me to help set up the Master class Conference for Directors/ Senior Managers / Commissioners which is to be held in Leeds on 1st February 2016. I continue to offer Professional Clinical Advice for MCA/DOLS to LA's, CCG's and Voluntary Organisations. I am a MCA/DOLS trainer, still a registered and practising social worker / BIA having undertaken 100s of DOLS assessments.

Project area classification

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| 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 | x | Palliative care | x |
| Police | x | Advance planning, LPAs | x |
| Legal | x | 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 | | x |