

Supporting Social Worker students to understand the MCA

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Project method

For 2016, two events will be held to raise the profile of MCA and encourage and support best practice amongst social care staff.

The first event will be a seminar for Step Up students at a Local University. This will be held in March 2016. The seminar will provide information about MCA and DoLS, and will consider case studies to demonstrate practical application. The seminar will also consider the interface between the MCA and legislation, for example, the Care Act, models of social work practice and the HCPC's code of Ethics.

The second event will be a MCA awareness day. This will be a Council event aimed at raising awareness at all levels, across Adult and Children's services. The event will provide opportunities for networking and sharing of information through a variety of mediums. This will become an annual event held in October and the target audience will change each year (including public services and partner agencies).

Project results/evaluation

Seminar will enable Step Up students to understand MCA and DoLS and to confidently apply the rhetoric when supporting people who lack capacity.

The awareness day will support frontline staff to understand the legal framework underpinning the MCA, consider what best practice looks like and how to confidently apply in practice.

Project area classification

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