

# Birmingham, Sandwell and Solihull CCG Mental Capacity Act Project Team **Surgery style Q&A support for Aquarius**

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## **Project method**

The issue of MCA is very pertinent for support workers at Aquarius as most of the people with whom they work are affected by addiction which at times can lead to self-neglect and other co-morbid conditions. We spoke at length with the team leader to try and ascertain what type of presentation would be useful to the service. We were asked to present a session which would include time for questions and answers with case specific scenarios. This was undertaken and resources such as prompt cards and Fact sheets were given out, along with signposting information.

## **Project results/evaluation**

We learned that the support workers reach out to many people with very complex issues of fluctuating capacity. That understanding and using MCA has to be in the context of obligations under the Care Act and Safeguarding protocols. We learned that many of the support workers were already adhering to many of the principles of the act and that good practice could be identified in the context of MCA principles.

The team was very engaged and information was given for ongoing learning from SCIE and in Factsheets. There was a lot of reflection about the issue of fluctuating capacity and of evidencing undiagnosed conditions for the purposes of part 1 of the assessment of capacity.

## **Project area classification**

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