

Birmingham, Sandwell and Solihull CCG Mental Capacity Act Project Team Presentations and Q&A support to Community Safety Partnership Groups in Birmingham

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Project method

The Project Team liaised with this team as it is a collaboration of organisations that seek to support individuals and communities with a wide range of initiatives to uphold health and wellbeing. The teams consist of personnel from a variety of groups including Police, Fire, Housing Drug and Alcohol Services, Trading Standards, Domestic Violence and a variety of community and family support initiatives. These teams often work with people whose ability to make certain decisions is affected by illness, disability or addiction. Some individuals and families may be known to statutory services, while others are not. After discussions with the Lead Officer, the group as a collective was offered some support with an overview of the mental capacity act with service specific Q&A time, resources and signposting information. For most of those that were present, this was their first introduction to the act and as such, the approach taken was one of engagement to understand the relevance of being able to make supported decisions and inversion; i.e how our lives would be if we were unable to exercise our own rights to freedom and autonomy. It was important to set the context and implications of the law rather than to simply discuss its legislative features.

Project results/evaluation

There were lots of questions after the presentations and lots of requests for presentations to be made for the individual stakeholders which was very inspiring. Many people raised common questions about self-neglect, hoarding and mental capacity and about mental capacity, the Care Act and safeguarding. We have also liaised with The Triage Team at West Midland's Police (Bournville Lane) and they in turn have made a presentation to the CCG about the services that they offer and how they consider the Mental Capacity Act alongside The Mental Health Act.

Project area classification

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