

Understanding consent and capacity. A film for people with learning disabilities.

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Project method

It was agreed within our internal learning disability committee that capacity and consent can be confusing for adults with learning disabilities / autism and or their families and / or carers. We had previously made 2 films about accessing hospital services and the feedback about the usefulness of these films was very positive from our local community. We have made a short informative film that is accessible via the trust website which provides patients with a basic insight to capacity consent and how we can help. The nurse specialist also provides educational sessions alongside the film for local LD services if required.

<http://www.southend.nhs.uk/for-patients-visitors/learning-disabilities/>

Project results/evaluation

The film is aimed at adults with a learning disability but they are available for anyone to access and are also useful for other groups who may lack capacity or have difficulties communicating. This is via our website. All the feedback has been very positive from patients, families, carers and professionals.

Project area classification

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