

“Do they have capacity?”

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Project method

My project is to dispel myths and improve understanding across professional groups as well as service users and families when we are assuming people cannot manage their financial dealings. I want an opportunity to do a very thorough “dig deep” into myth-busting about Mental Capacity, finances, expenditure, exploitation and how we support people to manage their finances, as opposed to taking it away from them. I am hoping to get some local banks on side, as well as our financial management team and of course the professionals who often make these statements. This will be an opportunity to promote future planning, as well as considering supported decision making.

Project area classification

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