

Mental Capacity Act App

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Project method

In 2013, we realised that a lot of staff were moving to Smartphones and paperless offices. We came across staff whilst delivering training on the Mental Capacity Act 2005 (the Act) that were more likely to be able to locate and use an app on their phone or iPad rather than their own employer's MCA policy.

We decided to create a MCA App (the first of its kind) covering all the key parts of the Act. We also wanted it to be interactive. From our knowledge of commonly asked questions, we were able to put in key words that could be clicked on to provide quick definitions such as 'decision maker' and we also included a self assessment quiz. The App was not to be a book but had enough detail to cover the material on our usual full day MCA course.

Project results/evaluation

We have had great feedback from people. Users are pleased that it is low cost (£2.99) to access a quick easy summary of the law and updates (ie Cheshire West) are free so it is an on going resource. It is rated as 4.5 stars on the Apple App store and Google Android store.

Project area classification

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