

# Embedding the MCA into Practice

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## Project method

The Trust made a decision to create a post of MCA Lead in August 2015 and recruited into the post in October 2015.

## Project results/evaluation

Since her appointment the MCA Lead has developed an MCA Action plan to look at the Embedding of the Act into Practice with a focus on improving training and raise awareness of the Act with the Trust.

In view of this a draft three year Training Framework has been developed and is awaiting approval.

A new Trust leaflet for staff will be given out as part of induction for all new members of staff, the e-learning course is being updated as first level training and a number of new face to face courses have been proposed.

In addition the MCA lead is available as the first point of contact for enquiries, providing advice and support to individual staff members and teams in relation to the various provisions, application of the Act in complex cases and serious incidents and overseeing the application of Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards within the Trust, picking up on areas around compliance and quality of assessments and applications for authorisation.

To further raise awareness for existing staff a MCA rights card which was developed by the Government is being printed by the Trust and will be given to relevant clinical staff for reference during their clinical practice. MCA Pens are on order which show the Principle and the 'acid test' and MCA prompt cards are being designed. Leaflets for patients, families and carers are also being developed.

The MCA lead is working with Safeguarding leads to develop monthly surgeries in the three localities where staff can drop in to discuss issues around safeguarding and the MCA

## Project area classification

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