

MCA Masterclass Approach for GP Training

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Project method

The CCG commissioned a solicitor to provide two MCA masterclasses. Three current cases formed the basis of the sessions. GPs were requested to read the case histories and discuss how they thought they would manage each case. Feedback generated further discussion.

As it was impossible to include all GPs in these sessions the MCA Lead and Designated Doctor for Safeguarding Adults developed another MCA masterclass programme providing two sessions initially. A waiting list was created to enable further GPs to attend and we are now planning a fourth session with more to be offered throughout the year. Our Coroner joins the sessions to talk about death occurring when subject to a DoLS authorisation and the medical director from the hospice also discusses case management of vulnerable adults who may lack capacity to make certain decisions. The sessions are of three hours duration and cover MCA and DoLS and VARMM.

Project results/evaluation

GPs have said how useful they have found the sessions and promoted them to other GPs, resulting in the need for a waiting list. Email and telephone queries are being received and requests for training in the practice. GPs also prefer actual cases that have been to the COP. LPAs and Court-appointed deputies are frequently topics they wish to spend time discussing.

Project area classification

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