

Mental Capacity Act and Deprivation of Liberty, Developments in Health Project

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Project method

Project developed jointly by Sunderland and South Tyneside CCGs, funded by NHSE monies, with the aim of ensuring health professionals have the knowledge and skills to practice within the MCA. Membership gained from L/A's, hospitals, community nursing, and mental health Trusts and a joint plan developed to enhance MCA and DOLs compliance across health including GP practice. The project plan includes governance, training, information, documentation and audit with the provision of expert advice into clinical practice and ongoing MCA champion's network development. Key achievements of:-

- Champions training for Nursing and AHP's with on-going support networks established and embedding into practice evaluation - over 200 staff
- Doctor, GP and Psychiatrist training events by legal, including MCA &MHA interface in acute care – over 150 staff
- Coroners interface with verification of death in expected end of life care
- GP recording template for MCA issues on EMIS with quarterly summary of MCA read code usage in learning disability and dementia diagnosed patients.
- Pocket guides and copy of code for every GP practice &MHA codes for CCG and hospitals with updating of intranets.
- Reviews of policy and audit of documentation
- Training for commissioning teams
- CCG quality and assurance frameworks to support commissioning compliant care
- Conference Events

Project results/evaluation

Training evaluations evidenced, the knowledge enabled staff to work within the Act in practice. In particular improved person centred best interests.

Community nurses felt confident to recommence verification of death in Dols cases

Gp's can record MCA issues swiftly in consultations and in greater detail as required.

Health staff have access to expert advice on clinical issues in a real time way.

Project area classification

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