

# With Law in Mind

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## Project method

With Law in Mind is a public education programme by Manchester BPP Law School's Pro Bono Centre running since June 2015.

WLIM aims to increase the knowledge and understanding of the families and carers of vulnerable adults of their legal rights and protections as enshrined in the Mental Capacity Act (2005), the Mental Health Act (2007) and the Care Act (2014).

Students provide half day educational workshops for groups of carers; designed to meet the needs of each group and provided in their local communities.

A mental health law specialist supervises the legal content of the sessions.

The sessions aim to educate and empower family carers and to signpost them to other sources of specialist legal advice and local advocacy services.

Feedback received from attendees has been overwhelmingly positive, with the attendees reporting increased knowledge of their rights, as well as confidence in seeking further professional legal advice about their personal situations.

## Project results/evaluation

Carer comments:

*"The session went beyond our expectations; Invaluable"*

*"Good information about the legal aspects. I hope you run it again!"*

*"It was really good to have an explanation of where the different Acts were likely to affect me. I gained loads from the session. I will tell my friends about this."*

## Project area classification

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