

Resources relating to Mental Capacity Assessments

Protected Learning Time March 2021

CQC review of DNACPR decisions during the Covid-19 pandemic, published 18th March 2021:

<https://www.cqc.org.uk/publications/themed-work/protect-respect-connect---decisions-about-living-dying-well-during-covid-19>

'The Mental Capacity Act requirements when an individual lacks the mental capacity to consent to treatment and care' from The National Centre for Post-Qualifying Social Work and Professional Practice (the flowchart is from this booklet):

<http://eprints.bournemouth.ac.uk/33878/1/WEBSITE%20-%20The%20Mental%20Capacity%20Act%20requirements.pdf>

Office of the Public Guardian website has helpful information for patients and professionals:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/office-of-the-public-guardian>

To check validity of LPAs: <https://www.gov.uk/view-lasting-power-of-attorney>

NHS Website Link to information about Lasting Power of Attorney for patients:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/social-care-and-support-guide/making-decisions-for-someone-else/giving-someone-power-of-attorney/>

'Are You or your loved one being targeted by scams?' by Friends Against Scams

Booklet for patients and those close to them, includes information about Power of Attorney

https://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/shopimages/Leaflet/Protection_from_scams_guide.pdf

PDF information leaflet regarding Power of Attorney from Alzheimer's Society:

https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/sites/default/files/migrate/downloads/factsheet_lasting_power_of_attorney.pdf

Decisions relating to cardiopulmonary resuscitation, Guidance from the British Medical Association, the Resuscitation Council (UK) and the Royal College of Nursing

<https://www.resus.org.uk/sites/default/files/2020-05/20160123%20Decisions%20Relating%20to%20CPR%20-%202016.pdf>

Alex Ruck Keene is a barrister with an interest in all things Mental Capacity related. His website has lots of information and advice about all aspects of the MCA and he keeps it updated and relevant. Court of Protection judgement information and short review of CQC report into DNARs can be found here too.

<https://www.mentalcapacitylawandpolicy.org.uk>

To get an IMCA involved: <https://www.pohwer.net/Southwark>

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If you are concerned about an attorney, guardian or deputy not acting in best interests of the person they are responsible for (after discussion with colleagues and MDT discussion, can also consider discussion with Safeguarding Team):

<https://www.gov.uk/report-concern-about-attorney-deputy-guardian>

Please feel free to discuss any questions or concerns with a member of the Safeguarding Team -

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