



Lucy Safeguarding Adults Review

Mental Capacity Act Learning

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We have published a Learning Brief on a Safeguarding Adults Review into the death of a 19 year old with complex needs.

Details of the learning brief can be found in the link below called Lucy (not her real name)

[Link to Lucy Learning Briefing](#)

Learning from this SAR found

- the Mental Capacity Act had not been applied as well as it should have been
- and no Best Interest assessment had been made during Lucy's transition from Children's to Adult Services once she reached 18.

In response to this the WSAB worked with families of people with care and support needs produced two podcasts.

They can be viewed on YouTube by clicking this link [WSAB MCA Podcasts](#)

These podcasts give overview of the legislative frameworks, as well as taking time to explore how this may be received by parents and carers.

Whilst they were primarily designed for professional, they may also be helpful for families, carers and other practitioners who want more information and understanding.

In order that the learning can be taken forward you are asked to

- **Reflect on this case within supervision, team meetings and reflective sessions using**
 - **information in the Learning Briefing**
 - **the podcasts**
- **Ensure that staff are familiar with the WSAB Policies and Procedures on the Mental Capacity Act and Best Interest Decisions which can be found by following these links:**

- [Best Interest Decision Meeting Guidance](#)
- [Mental Capacity Act 2005 – Guidance and Policy for Staff](#)
- [Mental Capacity Assessment Form \(MCA1\) Updated October 2021](#)
- [Mental Capacity Assessment Form \(MCA2\) – Best Interest Assessment & Record of Actions](#)

A checklist has also been produced for organisations to make sure that they have the correct policies and procedures in place.

This can be found by following the link below:

- [Quality Assurance Checklist for Mental Capacity Act Policies: Self-assessment for Organisations](#)