**Mental Capacity Act**

**Safeguarding Adult Reviews**

**Learning and Resources**

**Local SARs where application of Mental Capacity is a feature:**

The Worcestershire Safeguarding Adults Board (WSAB) have published, several Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs) which found that the Mental Capacity Act (MCA) could have been better applied, including the use of best interest decisions and applying executive function. These include:

* [Alison - Learning Brief](https://www.safeguardingworcestershire.org.uk/documents/wsab-learning-briefing-alison-v1-final-publication-jan-2023/) (including executive function)
* [Lucy - Learning Brief](https://www.safeguardingworcestershire.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Lucy-Learning-Report-PDF-for-publication.pdf) (including Best Interest Decisions)
* [Mary - Leaning Brief](https://www.safeguardingworcestershire.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Mary-Learning-Brief-PDF-for-Publication.pdf)  (Including Best Interest Decisions)
* [Jane - learning brief](https://www.safeguardingworcestershire.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/JANE-Learning-Brief-for-publication-19.06.2020.pdf)
* [David - Learning Brief](https://www.safeguardingworcestershire.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Learning_Briefing_for_professionals___David_v7_for_PUBLICATION.pdf)

**Local Resources**

* The WSAB have produced podcasts and webinars which can help to develop practitioner’s knowledge and awareness of how to apply the MCA. These can be found via the link below and include advice on application of the Mental Capacity Act and making Best Interest Assessments, along with a podcast on understanding Executive Function: [Link to WSAB resources website page](https://www.safeguardingworcestershire.org.uk/learning-development/training-a/network-group/)

**Local Policies and Procedures**

The following local policies and guidance also provide information for practitioners:

* [WSAB Mental Capacity Act and Deprivation of Liberty Competency Framework](https://www.safeguardingworcestershire.org.uk/documents/competency-framework-to-support-organisations-to-map-training-content-to-staff-needs-for-mental-capacity-act-and-deprivation-of-liberty-safeguarding-2/)
* [WSAB Best Interest Decisions Meeting Guidance](https://www.safeguardingworcestershire.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Guidance-to-support-professionals-Best-Interest-Decision-Meeting-for-complex-cases.pdf)

[Mental capacity Guidance for Staff](https://www.safeguardingworcestershire.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Mental-Capacity-Act-policy-V-3-Final-.pdf)

**Actions for Professionals and Practitioners**

Both the full SAR reports and the learning briefs identify learning for professionals and practitioners.

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

* **Reflect on these cases within, supervision, team meetings and reflective sessions.**
* **Use the information in Learning Briefings and the resources we have produced in training where appropriate**