

Newsletter, Autumn 2019

It's been a while since we sent out a newsletter, but we hope as usual that this one contains some items of interest. Please feel free to ask us about anything in it, and/or to forward it to anyone else who you think might like to receive it.

Liberty Protection Safeguards due to be implemented October 2020

Over 600 people attended our LPS briefing sessions with Tim Spencer-Lane during the Summer and we hope that you enjoyed these and found them informative. We are considering running a few more in the Summer of 2020 once the Regulations and Code of Practice have been published. We have a [page on our website dedicated to up-to-date LPS information](#); you may like to bookmark it and return to it regularly.

The main points to note at present are:

- Draft Regulations, and draft Code of Practice due to be issued late 2019 for consultation
- Full versions to be published by 1st April 2020
- LPS due to be implemented 1st October 2020
- LPS will cover all settings, and all people aged 16 or over

Please note: the timescales above are not fixed in stone. They may be subject to some movement. Of course the General Election may affect the schedules, but it is unlikely that anything can be decided for sure yet.

If you wish to discuss your training needs regarding LPS please give us a call, or reply to this newsletter. We are aware of differing advice about when to schedule training – please remember that the legislation has been passed and therefore we do know a substantial amount already about the LPS. Ultimately it's your decision when to train your staff.

Books and video clips

We highly recommend the following:

[“Modern Judge: Power, Responsibility and Society’s Expectations”](#) by the experienced and very well respected Court of Protection Judge Sir Mark Hedley

[“The Sir Mark Hedley Law Lecture Series”](#) (videos from YouTube, expanding the book above)

[“The Care Act Manual – 3rd Edition”](#) (updated October 2019) by our good friend Tim Spencer-Lane

Annual reports from CQC and from Care Inspectorate Wales

The CQC published its latest [“State of Care” Report](#) in October 2019. In particular it says “the care given to people with a learning disability or autism is not acceptable”. The Care Inspectorate Wales has published a [similar report](#), which covers children’s services as well as adult services.

Suicide prevention: W.A.I.T.

Mental Health Matters gives excellent, simple advice on supporting someone who may be expressing suicidal intentions using the acronym W.A.I.T. – **W**atch out for signs ... **A**sk about suicidal thoughts ... It will pass ... and **T**alk to someone. [More details here](#).

Training topics that we offer

Please remember that we come to you, and we deliver training on a topic that you request, at your convenience. Our training topics are divided into four main groups:

- [Mental Capacity Act, Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards and Liberty Protection Safeguards](#)
- [Safeguarding Adults or Children](#)
- [Specific Conditions \(eg Autism, Dementia etc\)](#)
- [Other Health & Social Care Topics \(eg First Aid, Medications etc\)](#)

Click on any of the headings above for more details, or of course you are welcome to give us a call or drop us a line.

Social prescribing

The Government recently announced a push towards more social prescribing. This is trying to use resources other than medical interventions to help to improve people's health and wellbeing. Click here for more information from [NHS England](#) or here for more information from [NHS Wales](#).

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