

Newsletter, Summer 2017

We hope this newsletter 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.

Database of Safeguarding Adults Reviews

A Safeguarding Adults Review (which used to be called a Serious Case Review) is carried out when an adult at risk (sometimes known as a “vulnerable adult”) dies, or is seriously harmed, as a result of abuse or neglect. Most, but not all, SARs are published on the website of the relevant Safeguarding Adults Board, so that lessons can be learned for future practice. The [Hampshire Safeguarding Adults Board](#) website has a very useful database of SARs (and SCRs) which is searchable by theme, area or year.

New e-learning courses available

We’ve recently added 6 new courses to our e-learning portfolio. These are:

- Challenging Behaviour
- First Aid
- Preventing Slips, Trips and Falls in the Workplace
- Resilience and Managing Stress
- Resilience and Me
- Wellbeing and Me

If you’re interested, please [click here](#) for more details.

Free video clips available

Did you know that there are over 100 free video clips available to view on the website of the [Social Care Institute for Excellence](#)? Topics include dementia, end-of-life care, Mental Capacity Act, personalisation and whistleblowing. Why not check it out today?

Law Commission proposals to replace DoLS and amend the Mental Capacity Act

Many of you will know that the [Law Commission published its long-awaited proposals](#) on 13th March 2017. At that time it was hoped that Parliament would begin to debate the proposals quickly, with a view to them becoming law in due course. Then, somewhat unexpectedly, we had a General Election which has rather put the brakes on. The latest position is, unfortunately, still unclear. The Government has yet to specify the identity of the Minister who will be responsible for DoLS. And although the reform of DoLS wasn't specifically mentioned in the Queen's Speech, that doesn't necessarily mean it has been overlooked. A possible way forward would be for a cross-party committee of MPs and Lords to scrutinise the proposals before they go before Parliament.

Tim Spencer-Lane, who headed the Law Commission's review of the DoLS and the MCA, has recently been delivering some briefing sessions for us in different locations around the country. We have one final date which is Sutton, south London, on 19th July, and there are still a few places left on both morning and afternoon sessions. [If you wish to book please click here.](#)

And if you would like Tim to come to you and deliver a session especially for your organisation, just give us a call, or reply to this email, and we'll sort it out for you.

Mental Capacity Act & Self Neglect

"Community Care" has [produced a handy guide of resources](#) which might be helpful in working with mental capacity/self-neglect cases.

And finally ... our special summer offer – 10% off in-house training for August 2017

No ifs, no buts, just a straightforward 10% discount on our normal price for any in-house training that takes place in August 2017. Limited availability, so please call or email us now to discuss your requirements.

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