

Safeguarding NHS Covid-19 Information 20.03.20

- [NMC COVID update for midwives](#)
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- [#COVIDSafeguarding advice on Mental Capacity Act](#)
Two important guidance documents have come out today (19 March) which include reference to the MCA. The first is a document entitled Responding to COVID-19: The Ethical Framework for Social Care, which, in essence, transplants the ethical framework developed for the healthcare response to pandemic flu to the social care context, by setting out a series of eight ethical values and principles which recognise that with: increasing pressures and expected demand, it might become necessary to make challenging decisions on how to redirect resources where they are most needed and to prioritise individual care needs. This framework intends to serve as a guide for these types of decisions and reinforce that consideration of any potential harm that might be suffered, and the needs of all individuals, are always central to decision-making
- [COVID Hospital Discharge Guidance](#)
The hospital discharge guidance published yesterday makes a clear statement about DoLS and mental capacity on p 31. More to follow hopefully (but this para in the hospital discharge guidance is the first public statement about DoLS). We are expecting a statement on safeguarding and also (separately) a high level statement on DoLS at some point.
- [Court of Protection Covid-19 Additional Guidance](#)
Additional Guidance for Judges and Practitioners arising from COVID-19.
- [Court of Protection HaydenJ 13032020](#)
Court of Protection COVID-19 related guidance for legal activity, specifically Visits to P by Judges and Legal Advisors.
- [For #COVIDSafeguarding enquiries use ENGLAND.safeguarding@nhs.net](#)
- [Responding to Covid-19: Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and Autism](#)
The national mental health and learning disability and autism teams at NHS England and NHS Improvement have set up a bespoke COVID-19 response cell in charge of identifying key areas where support is needed and developing national guidance. There are a number of webinars being held, please see the guidance for messaging for details
- [COVID-19: guidance for hostel or day centre providers of services for people experiencing rough sleeping](#)
NHS England and NHS Improvement guidance for the above cohorts of people
- [British Sign Language translation of Covid-19 Information](#)
SignHealth has translated this information from Public Health England and the Department of Health and Social Care regarding Covid-19