DEPRIVATION OF LIBERTY SAFEGUARDS: DEVELOPING THE CONCEPT OF PREDICTING FUTURE RISK IN IMPROVING ACCESS TO PALLIATIVE CARE SERVICES

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Most hospices have supported people needing treatment and care who do not have capacity to consent to it, who need constant care and would not be allowed to leave should they try. DoLS legislation was introduced to safeguard such people from misuse of restrictions to their freedoms. Hospices have varied in their interpretation/application of DoLS legislation, however what is widely shared is that the use of DoLS has caused distress to families, and delays to families in making arrangements after death. Our own experience of applying for DoLS for hospice inpatients is limited (4/374 admissions from April 2015-end March 16) but an increasing number of people we support in the community is limited (4/374 admissions from April 2015-end March 16) but an increasing number of people we support in the community.

We are developing a leaflet using the experiences of a relative whose late husband had a DoLS, a carer who was distressed by post-death processes, the Local Authority, police and coroner. All have commented that an explanatory leaflet which is easy to understand would be enormously helpful. Our aim is to develop something to really support carers both when a DoLS is authorised and when their loved ones die, towards a more supported care experience and smoother bereavement. It will explain simply the reason for and value of a DoLS, help support the maximising of freedoms for someone with a DoLS and prepare families for obligatory processes after death. Evaluation will be via our service users and of a religious background and their carers/families to provide support and advice on services.

This presentation will outline the project activity and outcome barriers identified to date as well as discuss future project activity planned.

IMPROVING ACCESS TO PALLIATIVE CARE SERVICES FOR DIVERSE COMMUNITIES OF CARDIFF AND THE VALE

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This presentation will describe a current development project based at the Marie Curie Hospice in Wales, which aims to build relationships with the diverse communities of Cardiff and the Vale and in particular focusing on people with learning disabilities, people with dementia and people with a religious or no religious belief, to explore and address barriers that prevent access to palliative care services.

The project was funded in January 2016, for three years, by the Big Lottery Fund and aims to:

1. Develop links and improve communication with representative organisations in regards to dementia, learning disabilities and religion in the Cardiff and the Vale area to establish a better understanding of the end of life care needs and the gaps in service provision for these groups.
2. Identify specific barriers to service awareness and access for people with dementia, learning disabilities and of a religious background in the local community in Cardiff and the Vale.
3. Advise Marie Curie services in Cardiff and the Vale on learning.
4. Work directly with people with dementia, learning disabilities and of a religious background and their carers/families to provide support and advice on services.

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