

GLOUCESTERSHIRE MULTI AGENCY MENTAL CAPACITY ACT POLICY

APPENDIX 2

MCA2 - ASSESSMENT OF MENTAL CAPACITY FOR SIGNIFICANT DECISIONS.

Name:	Completed by:	Date of assessment:				
Mental Capacity Assessment V4		Confidential				
What is the specific decision to be taken? <i>(if this is a review, detail previous decision about capacity)</i>						
What prompted this assessment and what made you think they lacked capacity? <i>(i.e. summary of situation/circumstances that led to the person's capacity being considered)</i>						
Details:						
Considerations for this assessment Were all reasonable (practicable) steps taken to maximise the person's capacity to make the decision? <i>(please provide all evidence and documentation)</i> <table border="0" style="float: right;"> <tr> <td>Yes</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>No</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>			Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Details:						
Assessment of capacity						
Is there an impairment of or disturbance in the functioning of the person's mind or brain?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> (Permanent impairment)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> (Fluctuating impairment)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> (Temporary impairment)	No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Details:						

If the answer is Yes to the above question, then complete the next section to determine capacity and that the inability to make the decision is because of the impairment or disturbance

Is the person able to understand the information related to the decision? Yes No

Details: :

Are they able to retain the information related to the decision? Yes No

Details:

Are they able to use or weigh the information whilst making the decision? Yes No

Details:

Are they able to communicate their decision by any means? (e.g. use of pictures, gestures facial expressions, objects of reference, etc.) Yes No

Details:

If the answer is No to any of these questions then the person does lack capacity and a Best Interest decision will be needed. If Yes the assessment indicates the person has the mental capacity to make this decision and the assessment is complete.

Does the person lack capacity to make this specific decision? Yes No

Who was consulted about the assessment of capacity to make this decision? (give names and roles; if LPA/Deputy has the paperwork been checked?)

Details:

Can the decision be delayed because the person is likely to regain capacity in the near future?

Yes No – the person is not likely to regain capacity No – not appropriate to delay

Details:

Assessor:		Role:	
Organisation:		Telephone no:	
Signature:		Electronic:	<input type="checkbox"/>