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SAFEGUARDING & MENTAL CAPACITY

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NICE Talks

Child abuse: communication is key

Explaining the crucial principles that need to be considered when responding to child abuse and how we can recognise abuse and neglect.



WATCH

NHS England

Five principles of the Mental Capacity Act



READ

NHS England

NHS England Safeguarding page.



GUIDELINES & STANDARDS

- [NHS England : Safeguarding children, young people and adults at risk in the NHS: Safeguarding accountability and assurance framework](#)
- [NICE Guidance : Safeguarding](#)
- [NHS England : Guidance to support implementation of the Mental Capacity Act in acute trusts for adults with a learning disability](#)

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WEB RESOURCES

- **Safeguarding, mental capacity and the Mental Health Act** RMM Online **
- **Safeguarding** BJNInform**
- **BMA : Adult safeguarding toolkit** RESOURCES
- **BMA : Mental Capacity in England and Wales** RESOURCES

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ORGANISATIONS



LATEST RESEARCH

Jennings, H. (2025). Development of a toolkit to aid health and social care staff in acute hospitals to identify childhood exploitation. British Journal of Nursing. 34(11), pp.576-581. [Online]. Available at: <https://doi.org/10.12968/bjon.2024.0410>

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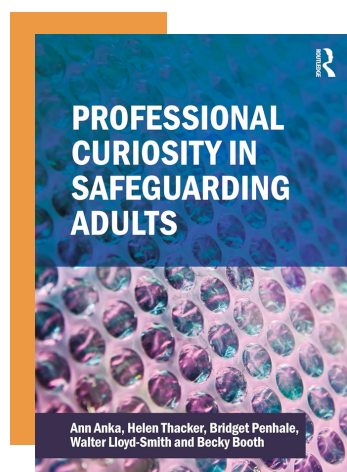
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Lloyd-Smith and Becky Booth

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