

Project ASSENT January 2020 Newsletter

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Progress Update

Update on Stage 1

The next paper

The **research team** are continuing to work on the **second paper** to come from the project and is called '**Inclusion under the Mental Capacity Act (2005): A review of research governance in**

England and Wales’. The research questions underpinning this paper were ‘how are **impairments** of **capacity** and/or **communication**, in **research** involving adult participants, **recognised** and **represented** in research governance in England and Wales?’

The Advisory Group

We had the **third Advisory Group Meeting**. The meeting **focused on** the main **content** of a draft **interim report** for the **Nuffield Foundation**, for **review** and **comment** by the **members**. The report was **delivered** as a **PowerPoint presentation** with **pictorial images**, to enhance **word meaning**.

The Art Group

Karen has been **working with** a **local art group**. The group consists of **adults living with**:

- **Autistic Spectrum Conditions (ASD)**
- **Learning disabilities**
- **Mental health conditions**

The art group at the **Broadland Clinic** continue to apply themselves to the **task** of **producing original works** of **art** for the **guidelines** planned for the end of the **project**. **Karen** has visited the group regularly to **review their pictures** and talk to the group members about the **targeted words** and **meanings**.

Some of the words **associated** with **mental capacity** and the **research** process are **challenging** to put into picture. However, the group have been **encouraged by their tutor** to explore the use of **colour, shape** and **form** to help them **visualise**. The resulting pictures are a mixture of **line drawings, watercolour** and **bubble writing** – all with lots of colour! Further updates in 2020.

We are pleased to share a poem written by one of our Working Group members.



Assent project

Assent came about from an idea
Making it easy to understand and making it clear
By researchers information and listening to views
From different people then some group logos to choose

A working group was made in a diverse way
So the group could understand and have their say
The input was great from the start
We work as an equal all information comes from the heart

Using what's app and easy read and audio to communicate
Support costs paid accessibility is great
Being understood and at a good speed and pace
Nothing was rushed as if it's a race

We made plain English questions for researchers
And tested them out by interviews on Purpose
People had lots to say its been very well laid out
We hope researchers take it all into account

Taking time for people with difficult complex needs
Listening and getting their voices said indeed
We want to make a difference in what we do and say
And to work in a positive and mindful way

By Hayley Burwood 2019



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