



# Independent Mental Capacity Advocacy

## When should an Independent Mental Capacity Advocate (IMCA) become involved?

An IMCA must be instructed for people lacking capacity who have no-one other than paid staff to support them whenever:

- An NHS body is proposing to provide, withhold or stop serious medical treatment.
- A NHS body or local authority is proposing to arrange accommodation (or a change of accommodation) in a care home for a period of longer than eight weeks.
- Care reviews, where no-one else is available to be consulted.
- Adult protection cases, whenever no family or friends are involved.

**To download an IMCA referral form, or for information on exceptions, who instructs the IMCA, or what the IMCA will do, visit [www.mhmwales.org.uk](http://www.mhmwales.org.uk)**

