Rights Review Committee at Work!

...........the story so far

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Western Care Association
• Involvement with

• Established in 2004

• Chaired by Parent/Reports to Executive Director

• Current Membership – 4 Staff + 8 Non staff members
How Do Cases Get to the Committee?
What did we do....

- The Ripple Effect
- The Targeted Approach
- Open all hours
- Next
The Ripple Effect: 2006 to 2007
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- Learning would ripple across the organisation

1. Communicate Role
2. Respond to cases
3. Produce Recommendations
4. Circulate Anonymised Recommendations
The Ripple Effect: Outcome

- 5 cases
- Broad range:
  1. Relationships
  2. Concealed Medication
  3. Access to Money
  4. Living Situation
  5. Medical Procedure

- Limited Evidence of Impact
The Targeted Approach: 2008 to 2010
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- Psychotropic Medication
- Structured Review Process
- Cases to be forwarded by line managers
- Facilitate Best Practice Review
- Develop Working Relationships
The Targeted Approach: 2008 to 2010

- More impact
- 14 cases
- Complex situations
- Multiple Areas of Rights Restriction
- Learning for all involved
- On-going review
- Remaining Involved
Open all hours: 2011 to 2012

- Need to have greater impact
- Launch of Project Rights
  1. Training: Staff, Advocates and Parents
  2. Checklist: Tool to assess for rights issues
  3. Due Process: All restrictions forwarded for review
Open all hours: 2011 to 2012

Rights Checklist for all...........
• Identify any restriction
• Try to remove it
• If not, forward to the Committee
Open all hours: 2011 to 2012

- Due Process:
  1. *What is the restriction*
  2. *Why is it necessary*
  3. *Alternatives*
  4. *Gain or Lose*
  5. *Informed Consent*
  6. *Removal over time*
Open all hours: 2011 to 2012

- Released through staff training
- 40 new people with rights restrictions identified
- Not all may come forward to the committee
- Deal with two new cases per month
- Review progress on existing cases
- More impact
- Rights agenda shared
- Query sustainability
Next: 2013

- Take time out and review
- Evaluate with advocate, staff and committee
- Amend practice accordingly
- Take into account:
  1. Capacity Legislation
  2. HIQA
  3. Role of Independent Advocacy
Next: 2013

- Shared Responsibility
- Role of Advocates/Range of Advocacy
- Local panels/accessible as needed