

Advocacy: Capacity to Communicate project

The Capacity to Communicate project was a three-year project (2006-2009) funded by the Department of Health and set up in response to the new role of Independent Mental Capacity Advocate created by the Mental Capacity Act (2005).

Sense wanted to ensure advocates had a greater awareness and understanding of dual sensory loss and its impact on communication, so they would be better equipped to support and represent people. The project provided training and information; harnessing best practice around communication and advocacy for people who lack capacity and who have little or no formal communication, particularly deafblind people.

Summary report

Sense trained advocates during the length of the project and provided information to families through workshops and meetings. As part of the training, advocates were asked to submit written case studies. These case studies gave us valuable information about the nature and process of independent mental capacity advocacy.

- [Summary report](#) (pdf, 373KB)
- [Summary report](#) (accessible version, 14KB)

Advocacy toolkits

Sense produced a training toolkit aimed at advocates and a shorter information toolkit aimed at families, which you can download here:

- [Advocacy toolkit](#) (pdf, 2Mb)
- [Advocacy toolkit](#) (accessible version, 160KB)
- [Family toolkit](#) (pdf, 414KB)
- [Family toolkit](#) (accessible version, 44KB)