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## **Independent Mental Capacity Advocates**

From 1 April, the Independent Mental Capacity Advocate (IMCA) service starts in England. If an adult lacks mental capacity to make a decision about serious medical treatment or long-term accommodation in a hospital or care home and there is no other appropriate person to provide support, the NHS or local authority must appoint an IMCA to support and represent them. The IMCA will help the NHS or local authority make a decision about what is in their best interests.