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# Meeting of the Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS) National Steering Group – 18/05/21

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Attendees: DHSC, DfE, MoJ, Welsh Government, ADASS, NHS England and Improvement, NHS Providers, HEE NHS, CQC, local authorities, TLAP, Skills for Care, Ofsted, National Care Forum representing the Care Providers Alliance.

### **Introductory presentation from DHSC**

DHSC officials welcomed all stakeholders and partners to the May Steering Group. They explained that the meeting was an opportunity to provide initial verbal feedback on the LPS guidance included in an early-stage draft of the proposed Mental Capacity Act Code of Practice ('the Code') - circulated in advance.

DHSC officials opened the session with a presentation covering plans for the public consultation on the LPS and the key milestones ahead, towards implementation. They also provided an overview of other pieces of guidance that DHSC is producing, or has commissioned from expert partners, to support the publication of the Code, public consultation and the implementation of the LPS.

## **Accessibility of the Code**

Attendees were invited to provide feedback on the Code thematically. The main theme identified was around the Code's accessibility. Members suggested and raised the following points:

- Adding infographics, diagrams and flowcharts to the Code would make the guidance clearer to understand for practitioners.
- Short video summaries would help explain complicated concepts.
- Publishing the Code digitally, in a format that is easily navigable is important for readers who will need to use it often.
- A HTML version of the Code will also be important to help with accessibility (e.g. assistive technology).
- Additional resources and materials will be needed to help people with lived experience, including families, to engage with the Code, so that they know what to expect from the LPS process (and their important rights within that).
- The consultation should be as accessible as possible and respondents should be able to provide feedback via different routes and formats.

Attendees agreed to meet again in two months.

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