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- Partnership between Making Space & The University of Manchester
- Up to three services for families:
  - legal advice on dementia-related issues;
  - access to admiral nursing advice; and
  - communication and activity advice.
- In person or via Zoom at 'hotspots' around the country.
- Areas of law include:
  - Advance decisions to refuse treatment;
  - Community care assessments;
  - Continuing healthcare eligibility;
  - Disputes around mental capacity;
  - Lasting powers of attorney;
  - Court of Protection;
  - Deputyship;
  - Deprivation of liberty safeguards (DoLS);
  - Disputes around best interests for those who lack capacity;
  - Provision of care (in relation to care homes);
  - Adult safeguarding.

# About Making Space

We are a national charity and leading provider of adult health and social care services.

We have been helping adults with care and support needs, and their carers, to lead independent and fulfilling lives for more than 35 years.

Our high quality, person-centred services and accommodation support adults of all ages, with a diverse range of needs, including:

- Mental health conditions
- Learning disabilities
- Dementia
- Older people with age-related concerns

**We provide services in the heart of local communities, in the comfort of people's own homes, and specialist care and support services.**



**The people we support, and their families, are at the heart of everything we do**

# Clinic Leads at Making Space

## Dementia Associates

- Trained in providing Person Centred support
- START Facilitators
- Environmental checklist
- Communication & Wellbeing Appointments



# What we have achieved so far

Over **120 Families** have been supported since beginning the pilot from a one day a week clinic.

**8 of the 120** clients seen were **lawyer only** appointments, the rest were **student led**.

**130 Legal students** have participated in Dementia Clinic cases in total.

Dementia UK has provided a dedicated helpline nurse to develop the clinic

**157 Students** have received **Dementia specific training** to help with clinic work.

# Law Centre Project



# Updated Law Centre offer

Type of support	Families living with dementia	Families living with Learning Disability or Mental Health issues
Small group specific intervention (online)	START Intervention over 8 sessions, group of 10 carers. Closed group- rolling programme	CBT focussed workshops- 1. Exploring Negative Thoughts, 2. Cognitive restructuring. Closed groups- rolling programme
Well-being Package Rolling programme, offered to those who do not want specific intervention or are on waiting list.  (open to all)	6 week package covering: health promotion issues, mindfulness, self-compassion, relaxation techniques, activities, compassionate communication and family/ social connectedness. Each session offers practical tips on application in home environment.	6 week package covering: health promotion issues, mindfulness, self-compassion, relaxation techniques, activities, compassionate communication and family/ social connectedness. Each session offers practical tips on application in home environment.
Peer support well-being groups  Offered as a follow on from the intervention/package.  Online	Carers can access peer support groups following completion of 1 or 2. These will be supported by Making Space volunteers and promote activities relating to the well-being package.	Carers can access peer support groups following completion of 1 or 2. These will be supported by Making Space volunteers and promote activities relating to the well-being package.
Legal advice appointment (online)	Accessed via Justice Hub	Accessed via Justice Hub
Admiral Nursing appointment (online)	Signposted to local teams/Dementia UK Helpline Making Space families can access Consultant Admiral Nurse.	Not available for this group.

Launch date:  
1<sup>st</sup> October 2021



  
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# Law 4 Dementia Carers Project



- Partnership work
- Consult with carers
- Create training for Carers and professionals about Legal Rights





# The impact of Care Act Easements on co-resident carers over 70 looking after partners living with dementia



# Project

- **Primary Objective:**
  - to investigate the impact of easements on this particular group of carers & on those charged with safeguarding within LAs
  - Focus on Coventry, Derbyshire, Oldham, Doncaster
- **Secondary Objectives:**
  - Document impacts of Care Act easements and reinstatement of statutory duties;
  - Compare & contrast experiences in LAs where no easements;
  - Understand challenges & dilemmas for those with safeguarding responsibilities;
  - Understand and document current urgent needs for older carers and LAs.
- **Three workstreams:**
  - Semi-structured interviews with 48 carers from 4 LAs;
  - Semi-structured interviews with 20 Safeguarding/Social Work Leads;
  - A survey (target of 500 responses)
- **Carer Advisory Group**
- **Recruitment:**
  - Carers through collaborating partners (Making Space, TIDE, Alzheimer's Society & Join Dementia Research)
  - Safeguarding and Social Work Leads through Co-I's contacts and networks