

Caldicott Guardian Learning Network Meeting Summary

5th December 2024 12:00 -13:00

Chair – Liz Jones

Speaker – Helen Dyer

Support – Katie Thorn / Kate Gore

1. Introduction:

Liz welcomed everyone and gave an overview of the session agenda, then Kate shared a SurveyMonkey link with attendees for a separate guidance piece on consent for digital systems.

2. Helen Dyer's Presentation:

- Focused on problem-solving within Caldicott Guardian (CG) roles, particularly balancing privacy and public interest regarding access requests to data.
- Discussed CG principles and how they fit within a framework, stressing the importance of trust, built on authenticity, empathy, and logical decision-making. Helen also touched on biomedical ethics and ethical decision-making.
- The Fishbone Diagram was introduced, explaining how it can be used to organise complicated CG cases. This involved CG principles, Legal Considerations (GDPR), specialist laws such as the Capacity Act, and ethical guidance in decision-making for when giving your recommendation.
- The group was encouraged to think about the future impact of their recommendations and actions when working through CG scenarios.
- Public reaction discussion was held on how to manage public reactions to certain requests and who should be involved in decision-making processes.

3. Other Topics:

- Signposting was mentioned as a way to direct people to CG support and resources, including Breakfast Club information.
- There was a call for volunteers to bring real-life scenarios and experiences to future sessions.

4. Resources & Training:

- Participants were reminded of the free training available on the ELFH website (links in chat), which clearly outlines CG roles and responsibilities.
- *Suggestions were made to create a dedicated email inbox for CG-related requests and to appoint advocates in each environment to champion the CG role and ensure processes are followed.*

5. Future Sessions & Hot Topics:

- An AI-focused session is being considered for February 2025.
- The group discussed the possibility of inviting ****E-learning for Health**** to speak at a future meeting.
- Death and data - how to navigate this sensitive topic in a wider context for ASC providers/CGs.
- Highlighted the importance of organisations being clear about CG roles and responsibilities. How can CG play a bigger part in the organisations health & care information process?