

HUBB

Independent Mental Capacity Advocacy (IMCA)

Are you the decision-maker in the NHS or LA for someone who may lack capacity to make their own choices? This could be as a result of being unconscious, or having a learning disability, acquired brain injury, mental health problems, or dementia

HUBB is the statutory IMCA provider for Havering, Barking & Dagenham

HUBB's role is to support and inform the decision-making process by preparing a report which takes the individual's preferences into account wherever possible

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*For the definition of those who qualify for this service
please see overleaf*

Criteria for using the IMCA Service

*IMCA (Independent Mental Capacity Advocacy)
came into effect in April 2007*

The Local Authority/NHS must consult an advocate in the following situations:

- *The client must be over 16 and lack capacity
(as defined by the Act)*

and

- *Is without family or friends suitable to help in the decision-making process*

To qualify for the service the person must have an advocacy need in one, or both, of the following areas:

- *A decision about serious medical treatment, or the withdrawal of serious medical treatment
e.g chemotherapy, a surgical operation*

and/or

- *A decision about a significant change of accommodation
(for 28 days in hospital or more than 8 weeks in a care home)*

An IMCA may be instructed for:

Care reviews and certain Safeguarding Adults cases

Early instruction is essential to the successful outcome of the advocacy intervention