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Dear Director

The Mental Capacity Act 2005 – nomination of a local area contact.

The Mental Capacity Act 2005 (MCA) received Royal Assent in April 2005, and is due to be implemented from April 2007.

The DH MCA Implementation Team is working closely with the Care Services Improvement Partnership (CSIP) and over the next few months, we will let you know who will be the regional CSIP lead for the implementation of the MCA in your area. That regional lead will promote and support events and activity that raise awareness of the Act and assist with the education and training of those affected by the Act.

This letter, sent to all Directors of Adult Services in England, **invites you to nominate a contact to work with us over the next year**. To facilitate future communication with us, we would be very grateful if you could email Rene.Roel@dh.gsi.gov.uk with confirmation of the email address of your nominee.

Some areas have established local implementation networks. At Annex A, we provide some suggestions as to who might comprise a local implementation network if you decide to develop a network in your area and at Annex B, we provide you with general information about the Act.

Yours sincerely

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