

CGA/16/43 - The ethics of undertaking ethnographic research with people who have dementia and who lack capacity.

Some people with dementia are legally regarded as 'lacking capacity' to make decisions for themselves. The importance of including such individuals in health care research is now well recognised. However, while legal frameworks provide direction for ethics decisions regarding the inclusion of such individuals in research generally, there is a lack of evidence to guide the complex assessment of the ethics of certain kinds of research (Ethnography). This work will address the evidence gap through document analysis and interviews with key stakeholders. The findings will be used to support an Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) bid, inform policy and enhance practice in this area.