










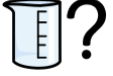

 a  person  need an IMCA?






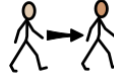

The  Mental Capacity  Act (2005)  outlines a  duty to  instruct an IMCA  when  making a  decision for




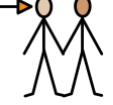
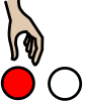
a  person  who  lacks  capacity.




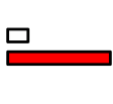


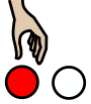






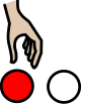

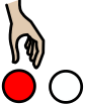
 Independent  Mental Capacity  Advocate (IMCA)

 **What**  **does**  **lack** **of**  **capacity**  **mean?**

 Someone  lacking  capacity -  cannot do **1**  or more of the  following **4**  things:

 **•Understand**  information  given to them  about a  decision



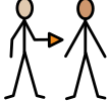



 **•Remember**  important  information  long enough to  be able to  make the  decision



 **•Consider** the  information  available to  make the  decision. **Communicate**  their  decision.







 Independent  Mental Capacity  Advocate (IMCA)

  **How will an IMCA work with me?**

An IMCA  will  listen to  you and  find out as much as  they can  about:




  **• What you want.**





  **What you like.**

  **• What you do not like.**





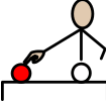

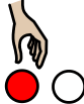
  **Any beliefs you have.**





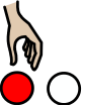


 Independent  Mental Capacity  Advocate (IMCA)

 **What**  **rights**  **does** **an IMCA**  **have?**




An IMCA  can:  **Meet**  **you**  **on**  **your own.**

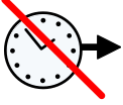
 **Read**  **a copy**  **of your**  **records**  **that** **are**  **about** **the**  **decision.**


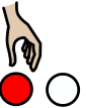
 **Ask**  **another**  **medical**  **professional** **to**  **give**  **their**  **views**  **about** **the**  **situation.**



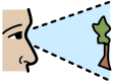



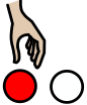

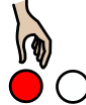
 **Ask questions**  **about** **the**  **decision** **or**  **disagree**  **with it.**

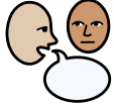
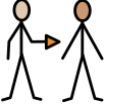
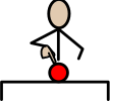



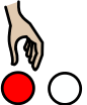



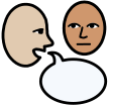

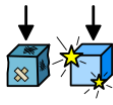
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**An IMCA will not:** 




   
• Make the decision.

          
• Do a test to see if you can make your own decisions and choices.

     
• Tell you what to do.

        
• Decide who the right people are to talk to about the situation.




**Independent**

**Mental Capacity**

**Advocate (IMCA)**


**What**


**decisions**


**can**
**an IMCA**

**support**



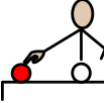



**me**



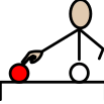


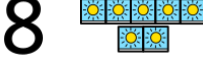
**with?**

- 
**Serious**


**medical treatment**

**like**


**an operation**



- 
**A**

**to hospital**

**that**

**will be for**

**more than**

**28 days.**

- 
**A**

**to a care home**

**that**

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**Independent Mental Capacity Advocate (IMCA)**

**Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards.**








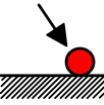



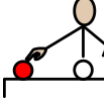
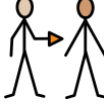














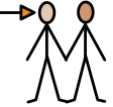





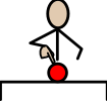
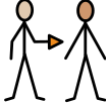


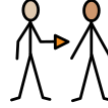


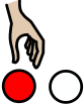


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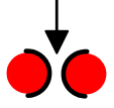

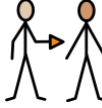

**How will an IMCA support me?**

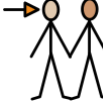


**They will:**

**1**











**1. Work out what you would choose if you were able to make the decision yourself.**

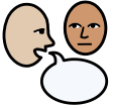
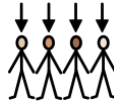
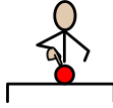
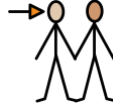
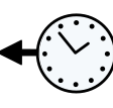

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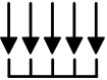
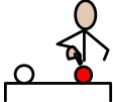






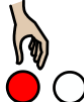


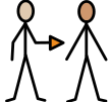






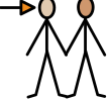






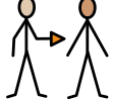




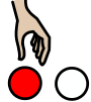



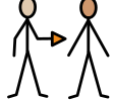

**2. Talk to staff who work closely with you to find out what they think is best.**

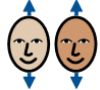
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**3. Tell everyone what they have found out.**






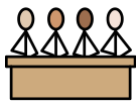






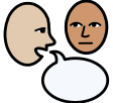


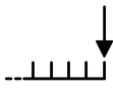
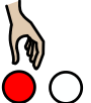
 All of  this  information  will  help  to  make  a  decision  that is right  for  you.

 They  will  also :




-  Speak up  for  you  in  any  meetings  where  decisions  are being  made  about  you.

-  Check  the  Mental Capacity  Act  agrees  with  the  decision.





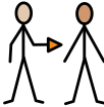
-  Write  a  report.

 The decision maker  must  read this  and  think about  what  it  says.  Make  the  final  decision.










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**To meet with your IMCA you can:**

•  **Ask**  **a member of**  **staff**  **caring for**  **you**

•  **Contact**  **our**  **office**  **on** **01325 776 554**

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