

QC40 Capacity Assessment Training and Advance Health Directives

Chris: Scenario six	
Chris:	Well, I have to say, of everything that's happened, being locked in was something I didn't like at all. I mean, I can see what you're saying, that sometimes you have to do it. I'd prefer to be treated at home and not to be admitted.
William:	OK, Chris. We'll write that under your preferences. I think it's important for us to think about all possibilities here. So there is a chance that you might get so unwell that Rachel may not be able to take care of you at home. What are your thoughts about managing that situation?
Chris:	I'm not convinced it will happen again. But yeah. I do see what you're saying. If I have to go to hospital, can I say where I go?
William:	We can definitely put your preference for which hospital you'd like to be treated in. Which hospital were you thinking you would prefer?
Chris:	I've only been to Blue Waters Hospital. It's closer to home, so I'd probably have that as my preference. My main preference, though, is to stay at home.
William:	So if things become unsafe for you or others, you do give consent to being kept in an inpatient unit. Would you prefer Rachel or Jake to make the decision for you if it comes to that?
Chris:	No. I don't want to be locked up, and I don't want them to decide that either.
William:	All right. Just so you're clear about this, Chris. If things become really unsafe and your choices in the AHD won't keep you or others safe, then you may still need to be brought into hospital under the <i>Mental Health Act</i> .
Chris:	Like the cops bringing me in and getting me locked up again?
William:	Hopefully, it won't come to that. But I need to let you know, this AHD will give us more options to prevent it from getting to that point.
Chris:	Yeah. Not really keen on going through with all that again with the cops.
William:	I can imagine that would have been a difficult time for you. But as you know from experience, in a crisis situation we're going to do what we can to keep you and everyone safe.
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