

The Scott Review - report from round table discussion

NDCAN members, Joanna Boddy, Elaine Deehan and Thea Laurie attended a round table meeting in St Andrews House on 18 January 2023.

Organised by the Centre for Mental Health and Capacity Law, the Centre for Mental Health Practice Policy and Law Research, and Edinburgh Napier University, the meeting was set up to consider the Scott Review - Human Rights Enablement (HRE). Under discussion from the Scott Review Report were Chapter 8, sections 8.1 and 8.2 (HRE and Autonomous Decision Making) and Chapter 4 (Supported Decision Making)



You can read more here...

<https://cms.mentalhealthlawreview.scot/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/SMHLR-FINAL-Report-.pdf>

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Professor Colin McKay welcomed attendees and Professor Jill Stavert (both from Edinburgh Napier University) opened the session with an overview of the Human Rights Enablement recommendations in the Scott Review. All participants were encouraged to contribute and, of course, the NDCAN representatives made many very relevant contributions. Alzheimer Scotland's Director of Policy and Practice, Jim Pearson, also in attendance, gave sound advice and insight from the Alzheimer Scotland perspective.

The main discussion and debate focused on Human Rights Enablement and the many areas of concern and difficulty in practice. Everyone should have the right support and services to make decisions. It is problematic during a crisis especially. A person's views should be taken into consideration. Addressing stigma, and who has capacity; culture change and good practice with an emphasis on enablement for everyone and enhancing good practice were the keynotes of the discussion. Many times, the conversation returned to the importance of education and training, as well as the financial implications to make something work for everyone and not just be aspirational.

How to ensure rights are fulfilled, will devolve to the government.

There will be a draft compiled on the roundtable discussion detailing the input from the many organisations represented. It will be interesting to follow the progress of the Scott Review Report.