Statutory Advocacy Referral Pathway

IMCA

Has a service user, aged 16 or over, been assessed as lacking the capacity to make decisions?

YES

Do they have any family or friends to consult with or advocate on their behalf?

YES → Not eligible for IMCA (unless there are safeguarding issues) BUT are they elible for IMHA?

YES → Please see information about qualifying patients for IMHA.

NO → Consider a referral to Community Advocacy

NO

For decisions about serious medical treatment or a change of accomodation, you MUST refer to IMCA.

For care reviews you must consider a referral to IMCA.

IMHA

Is a patient of any age in any hospital setting being assessed or treated for a mental disorder?

(They can have family advocating on their behalf and have an IMHA)

YES

Does the patient have capacity to understand the IMHA role?

YES → Inform them of the their statutory right to IMHA and support them to make a referral

NO → Make the referral on their behalf