

Maximising the Participation of People with Decision-Making Disabilities in Guardianship Proceedings

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Nothing About Us Without Us

The Children Act



Involving People with Dementia

- Family conflict – person with dementia needs to be involved – it is about them not the family conflict
- Facilities often act as gate keepers to the person
- Need to start sitting in aged care facilities
- NCAT have begun sitting in hospitals

Communication

- The person is non verbal and therefore is unable to participate!

**NOT BEING ABLE TO T  LK
DOESN'T MEAN YOU HAVE NOTHING TO SAY**

Fiona's Wish List for Hearing Venues



Facta Non Verba

Deeds Not Words!