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Mental Capacity Act

[Local Government Lawyer](#) - Local Government Lawyer reports that the Bar Council has said the Mental Capacity Act code of practice must be updated to address issues around covert medication, human rights and social care.

Giving [evidence](#) to a Ministry of Justice consultation, the Bar Council highlighted how the issue of covert medication was not currently discussed in the Code but had recently been addressed by the courts, reports Local Government Lawyer.

The Bar Council also suggested that those updating the Code consider including a chapter on human rights, which it said should introduce, in particular, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

It branded the current chapter on protections for people who lack capacity to make decisions for themselves as “out of date”, citing the fact that there has been “significant wholesale reform of social care legislation since the Code was drafted” and that “there is now for the first time a statutory framework for adult safeguarding”.

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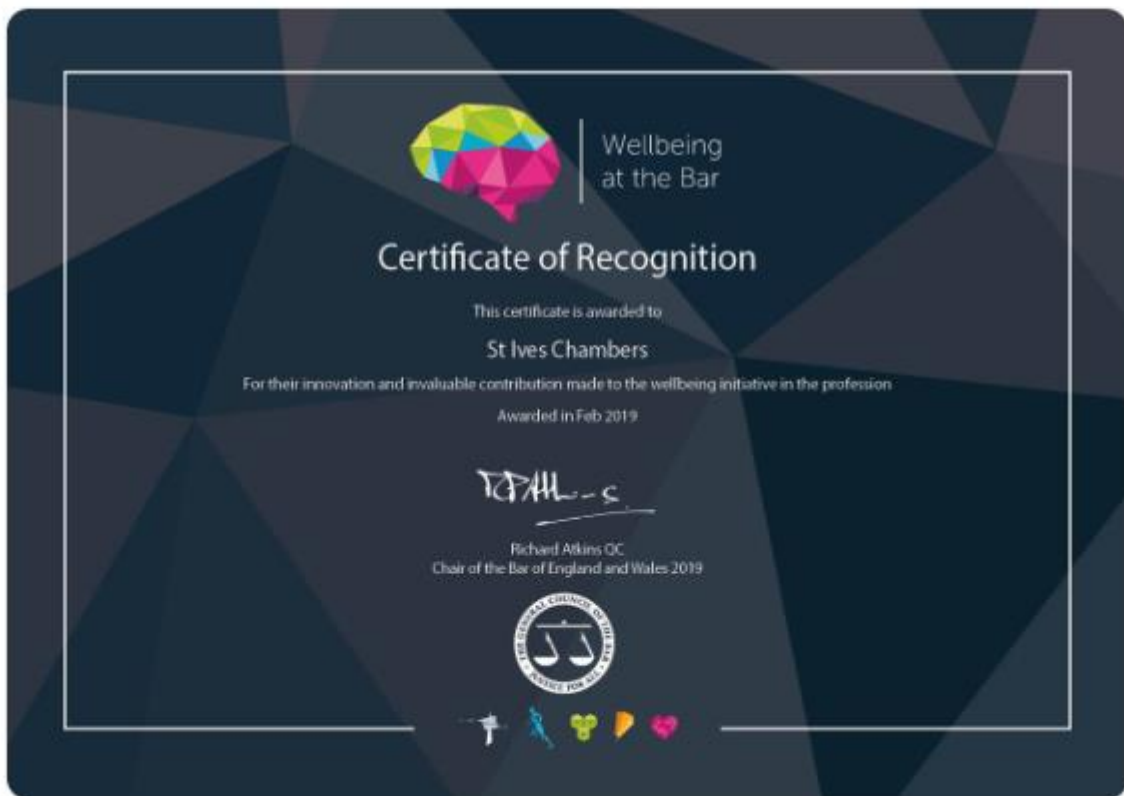
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