

# The Phenomenology of Decision-Making under Conditions of Psychiatric Disorder

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Abstract: I report on research undertaken in connection with the Essex Autonomy Project. One aim of this research has been to use resources from phenomenology in order to clarify the medico-judicial challenges presented by refusal-of-treatment among adults suffering from serious mental disorder. I review results of the research pertaining to psychotic depression, then propose a strategy for addressing the contemporary crisis in UK and International law over refusal-of-treatment by adults with severe and enduring anorexia nervosa.



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