

Mental Capacity Act

Aim

A one day training session designed to cover the main features of the Act and how these apply to the participants' everyday working lives.

Target Group

This programme is aimed at developing the working practices of new staff, or those needing a refresher, within Adult Services teams, with a particular focus on registered care and nursing homes.

Times

10.00am - 4.30am

Course Content / Learning Outcomes

- Background to the Act
- Principles of the Act – including:
 - A presumption of capacity
 - Helping someone to make their own decision
 - The right to make unwise decisions
 - Best interests of individuals
 - Least restrictive interventions
- Definition of "capacity", and how to assess whether someone does or does not have capacity
- Acting in the best interests of the individual
- Legal issues/protection from liability/criminal proceedings
- Functions and powers of the Court of Protection and the Office of the Public Guardian
- Lasting Power of Attorney
- Advance Decisions
- The role of the Court Appointed Deputy
- Supporting clients to make **their** own decisions
- New criminal offence
- The role of the Independent Mental Capacity Advocate (IMCA)
- Linking Mental Capacity Act to the new Mental Health Act and to the Deprivation of Liberty or "DoL" Safeguards

Training Methods

Variety of pair and small group work; general discussions; case studies; and a limited amount of lecturing.

Prices are inclusive all materials (certificates and handouts), lunches and refreshments.