

# Mental Capacity Act for Care Homes

A one day course

The Mental Capacity Act is a key piece of legislation for care homes as it governs much of the decision making for those residents that lack the mental capacity to consent to treatment and care. Unfortunately, many care home staff lack awareness of the relevant legal principles and the Act is not applied in practice. This is a significant problem when it comes to CQC inspections and complying with the law. This course is designed to give staff an overview of the basics of the Act and uses practical case studies to consider the application of the Act in common care home scenarios.

**WHO IS IT FOR?** The course is designed for anyone who works directly with care home residents in relation to any decisions around health, social care and finances.

<b>Session 1</b>	Introductions MCA- basics Assessing Capacity <i>Exercise 1</i>
<b>Session 2</b>	Assessing Capacity continued Best Interests <i>Exercise 2</i>
<b>Session 3</b>	Restraint DoLS <i>Exercise 3</i>
<b>Session 4</b>	Attorneys and Deputies Advance Decisions The Criminal Offence <i>Exercise 4- Quiz – consolidating learning</i> Closing and Questions
<b>16.30</b>	<b>End</b>

## **Aims & Objectives**

By the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Understand the key parts of the Mental Capacity Act relevant to their role
- Understand how to assess mental capacity under the Act
- Understand how to make a best interests decision under the Act
- Identify how their working practices will be affected by the legislation