

## ADVANCE DECISIONS (MENTAL CAPACITY ACT 2005)

*A half day course*

Advance decisions (formerly known as living wills or advance directives under the common law) came into force in October 2007 with the introduction of the Mental Capacity Act 2005. The use of advance decisions by patients is likely to increase over time as awareness of the Act increases. Valid and applicable advance decisions have legal authority and are binding upon staff consequently, staff must be prepared to work with them and understand their impact.

This course provides the essential knowledge that healthcare staff and others need to work with advance decisions effectively and ensure compliance with the legislation. Practical issues including the limits and challenges of advance decisions are addressed.

### WHO IS THE COURSE FOR?

All healthcare professionals, managers and other staff whose work will be affected by Advance Decisions.

### SUMMARY OF CONTENT

- The key rules and procedures for Advance Decisions
- How working practices will be affected by the legislation
- The skills needed to work effectively with patients when discussing advance decisions
- The legislation to establish whether an advance decision is valid
- Practical application of advance decisions through a case study

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This Course is available as an 'in house' commissioned training programme for up to 30 people.

Further details can be obtained from

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