

## **WORKING WITH CAPACITY**

### **THE MENTAL CAPACITY ACT 2005**

#### ***A ONE - DAY COURSE***

The Mental Capacity Act 2005 will have a considerable impact on staff and organisations delivering health and social care services to people with mental health problems or learning disability. Staff need to know how the Act will affect them, their working practices and the people to whom they provide services. This course provides the essential knowledge needed in order to work with and implement the Act effectively, ensuring compliance with the legislation. The course also considers how the two Acts may interact and both be used to treat the same person. Practical issues in using the legislation are considered and addressed.

#### **WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR?**

Any staff working in mental health services – nurses, social workers, psychologists, allied health professionals, doctors, managers.

#### **SUMMARY OF CONTENT**

- The Mental Capacity Act 2005.
- Defining and assessing capacity under the new legislation.
- How the Act will affect service providers and users.
- Existing Case Law in the field of capacity.
- The interaction between the new Act and existing legislation including MHA 1983 and the Children Act 1989.
- Assessing capacity – key criteria and professional responsibility.
- Case studies of clients affected by the new legislation

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

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