The Mental Capacity Act 2005 will have a considerable impact on staff and organizations delivering healthcare and social care in community and primary care settings (including community nurses, allied health professionals, general practitioners and day centre workers). Staff need to know how the Act will affect them, their working practices and the people they provide care for. This course provides the essential knowledge that primary and community care staff need in order to work with and implement the Act effectively and ensure compliance with the legislation. Practical issues in using the legislation are considered and addressed.

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR?

All staff working in community/primary care – nurses, allied health professionals, general practitioners, day centre staff.

SUMMARY OF CONTENT

- The key rules and procedures of the Mental Capacity Act
- How working practices will be affected by the legislation
- The skills needed to assess capacity and make decisions on behalf of others
- Practical application of the legislation through case studies

THE TRAINERS

Steven Richards and Aasya Mughal are authors of two guides “Working with the Mental Capacity Act 2005” and “Working with the Mental Health Act 1983”. They have provided training to the Mental Health Act Commission, NHS Trust and Local Authorities on the introduction of the Mental Capacity Act. Both also have extensive experience of working with patients with reduced capacity in hospitals.

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

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