

## 'WORKING WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH ACT & THE MENTAL CAPACITY ACT'

With the introduction of the Mental Capacity Act in 2007 mental health services will face the challenge of working with two pieces of legislation that directly affect them and their clients. Admission to hospital and the provision of treatment that was formerly via just two routes (voluntary and the Mental Health Act) will now have a third route through the Mental Capacity Act. In addition the changes due in the Mental Health Act 2007 increase the level interaction between the two Acts.

Professionals will, for some clients, face a dilemma of which Act to choose to provide the most appropriate care and treatment. In other cases both Acts will be used simultaneously for the same client.

This course provides an opportunity to explore in detail the interaction and overlap between these two Acts and how services will be affected.

### WHO IS THE COURSE FOR?

NHS and local authority staff, inspectors and commissioners of services. Some prior understanding of both Acts is required.

### SUMMARY OF CONTENT

- Crossover between the two Acts
- The Mental Health Act 2007 and its relationship to the Capacity Act
- Treatment - which Act to choose and when?
- Using both Acts together – when and why?
- Restraint – Mental Health Act or Mental Capacity Act?
- Detention via the Capacity Act
- ECT and capacity – new rules
- Impact of Advance Decisions, Lasting Powers of Attorney etc
- New duties placed on mental health services
- Existing policies and procedures affected by the new legislation
- Case studies showing the interaction between the Acts

### 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.

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

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