

WORKING WITH CAPACITY

THE MENTAL CAPACITY ACT 2005

A ONE - DAY COURSE

The Mental Capacity Act 2005 has a considerable impact on Acute (NHS and private) hospitals. The legislation covers all healthcare decisions made for those lacking capacity to consent treatment or care. People affected can include those with dementia, learning disabilities, confusion (due to illness, medication or drug/alcohol misuse), brain injury, mental health problems and the unconscious patient. If a person lacks capacity to consent, the Act allows for the person's treatment in their best interests ensuring they do not lose access to essential care or treatment.

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 staff need to work with and implement the Act effectively ensuring compliance with the legislation. Practical issues in using the legislation are considered and addressed.

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR?

Staff working in acute hospitals – nurses, allied health professionals, doctors, managers and social workers.

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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