

THE NEW MENTAL HEALTH ACT 2007 – IMPACT & CHANGE- A One Day Training Course

The new Mental Health Act 2007 will have a considerable impact on staff and organisations providing services to people with mental health problems. The legislation makes a number of amendments to the original 1983 Act creating new powers and changing existing rules. Staff need to know how the new Act will affect them, their working practices and the people they provide services for. This course provides the essential knowledge that staff need in order to work with and implement the Act effectively to ensure compliance with the legislation. Practical issues in using the legislation are considered and addressed.

WHO IS IT FOR?

Staff working in mental health services – nurses, social workers, psychologists, allied health professionals, doctors, managers. Also voluntary organisations, advocacy groups and non-statutory service providers working in the mental health sector.

WHAT THE COURSE COVERS:

- ◆ Overview of the Act – new rights and powers
- ◆ Definition of mental disorder – what has changed?
- ◆ Changes to the criteria for detention
- ◆ Challenges and practice issues
- ◆ ECT – special rules
- ◆ Supervised Community Treatment – new powers
- ◆ Replacing Approved Social Workers & R.M.Os
- ◆ Nearest Relative - new powers to change
- ◆ Advocacy – a new right
- ◆ Mental Health Review Tribunal – changes
- ◆ Bournemouth – a new form of detention
- ◆ Age related restrictions
- ◆ Policies and procedures affected
- ◆ Impact of the changes – what can be expected
- ◆ Implementation and further information

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This Course is available as an ‘in house’
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