

## 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 independent and voluntary organisations providing services to people with mental health problems or a learning disability. The Act amends key parts of the 1983 Mental Health Act and introduces new rights such as advocacy; new powers such as Community Treatment Orders and new duties upon organisations. Staff need to know how the new 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. Practical issues in using the legislation are considered and addressed in each element of the course.

### WHO IS IT FOR?

Staff working in organisations that provide services to people with mental health problems or learning disability including – advocates, housing associations, care homes, private hospitals and voluntary organisations providing support services.

### SUMMARY OF CONTENT:

- 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

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

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