

WORKING WITH CAPACITY

A ONE - DAY COURSE ON THE MENTAL CAPACITY ACT

The Mental Capacity Act 2005 provides the legal framework to assess whether people have capacity to consent to care or treatment. If a person lacks capacity to make a decision, the Act provides the powers to make a decision in that person's best interests. This ensures the person does not go without essential care. Practical issues in using the legislation are considered and addressed. This course provides essential knowledge that services providing advice, advocacy, housing or other support services to people who may have problems with capacity need in order to work with and implement the Act effectively to ensure compliance with the legislation.

WHO IS THE COURSE FOR?

Voluntary and independent organisations that provide healthcare, social care or other services for people who may have problems with their capacity to consent to care or treatment.

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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