



Course title: Mental Capacity & Deprivation of Liberties Safeguarding

Duration: Half day

Maximum number of learners: 16

Course overview:

The Mental Capacity Act (MCA) 2005 applies to everyone involved in the care, treatment and support of people aged 16 and over living in England and Wales who are unable to make all or some decisions for themselves.

The MCA protects and empowers people who may lack the mental capacity to make their own decisions about their care and treatment. It covers decisions about day-to-day things like what to wear or what to buy for the weekly shop or serious life-changing decisions like whether to move into a care home or have major surgery.

Course learning outcomes:

By the end of the session you will be able to:

- Describe the difference between MCA and DoLS
- State the 5 Key Principles of the Mental Capacity Act.
- Explain how the Act links in with Safeguarding procedures.
- Define "Best Interests" as referred to in the Act.
- Define "Inability to make Decisions" as referred to in the Act.
- Define the terms Lasting Power of Attorney, Decision maker and Advocacy
- Cite the role of the Independent Advocate
- Explain Advance Decision Making
- Describe the Code of Practice for the Mental Capacity Act
- Discuss and identify if people require Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) in their care setting.
- Discuss DoLS examples , assessment and how to prevent a possible deprivation of liberty.