



COURSE OUTLINE

COURSE TITLE: Mental Capacity Act (MCA) and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) Awareness Training Course

COURSE LEVEL: 1

DURATION: Half day

Introduction

This training course provides learners with the knowledge required to understand the principles of the Mental Capacity Act (MCA) and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) and to recognise how this legislation relates to their own role and actions.

Benefits of Attending

The Mental Capacity Act (MCA) provides protection to people who are unable to make a decision due to an illness or disability, either on a temporary basis for example if a person is unconscious following an accident, or due to issues such as drug or substance use, following surgery or on a long term basis due to progressive conditions including learning disabilities, mental health challenges or developmental conditions.

Programme Highlights

The MCA clarifies and confirms the law in relation to people's rights about what will happen should they be unable to make their own decisions.

The Mental Capacity Act Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) were introduced into UK law on 1 April 2009 and provides a legal duty to hospitals and care providers to prove that they have gained permission, and stated why and how they are required to lawfully deprive people who are using their services of their liberty on a short term basis.

Who Should Attend

Any member of staff working with adults

Special Notes

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Learning outcomes

- To ensure learners have a good understanding of the Mental Capacity Act
- To ensure learners have a good understanding of Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards

Introductions. (15 mins)

Session 1. (1 hour)

- Understand the meaning and purpose of the Mental Capacity Act and DoLS
- Understand the legislation framework and how this provides protection for people
- Understand types of decisions which could be considered under the Mental Capacity Act

Coffee. (15 minutes)

Session 2. (1 hour)

- Understand the process of establishing a lack of capacity to make a decision
- Understand the importance of promoting independence and partnership working
- Understand the requirements of record keeping and confidentiality under the Data Protection Act

Any Questions and feedback (15 mins)

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