

# Mental Capacity Act & Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards Awareness

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course covers both the Mental Capacity Act (2005) and the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (2007). Recent events in the media have highlighted the need for widespread training on these subjects.

The course will cover important issues, such as the standardised test for capacity, powers and protection for clients and staff as well as the legislative basis behind decision making and depriving somebody of their liberty.

This subject is essential for all staff working in Health and Social care and should give them an awareness of both the MCA and the DOLS.

## **DURATION**

This session lasts half a day – usually either 9.30am to 12.30pm or 1.30am to 4.30pm. It can be delivered over a full day in tandem with another half day course (such as Mental Health Act Awareness).

## **SYLLABUS**

Defining “Lack of Capacity”, Functions of the MCA, Children and young people, MCA and the Law, Decision making, Staff and clients affected by the MCA, Statutory Principles of the MCA, Advance decisions, Assessing capacity (two-stage test), Best interests checklist, Powers and protection, The MCA and Restraint, The Bournewood Case, The purpose of DOLS, What is a deprivation of liberty?, Legislative basis of DOLS, Authorisation, Avoiding deprivation of liberty.

## **CERTIFICATION**

Delegates will receive a certificate of attendance on completion.

## **NUMBERS**

A maximum of 16 delegates can be accommodated on this course.

## **LOCATION**

We are able to deliver this course at your own site which will assist in reducing costs. Alternatively we can deliver at our own Training Academy. It is also possible for individuals to join our own staff training sessions. Please contact [training@brookdalecare.co.uk](mailto:training@brookdalecare.co.uk) to discuss your requirements.