



Mental Capacity Act

Course Aims

This module is designed for local authority staff and providers who are likely to come into contact with Individuals who lack mental capacity or who have fluctuating capacity. The module is divided into 4 sections and incorporates links to important documents, case studies, practice questions and a final assessment.

Course Objectives

- ✓ Knowledge of the key principles underpinning the Mental Capacity Act
- ✓ Acquire a working knowledge of both mental capacity and incapacity
- ✓ Identify implications for people who lack capacity or whose capacity fluctuates
- ✓ Understand the importance of specific issue, time and context when assessing capacity
- ✓ Describe the test for capacity
- ✓ Define the term "best interests"
- ✓ List the criteria for establishing best interests decisions
- ✓ Understand how you are protected from liability
- ✓ Describe the role of the IMCA
- ✓ Identify the scope of a Lasting Power of Attorney and understand when it can be instigated
- ✓ Describe the role of the Deputy and the circumstances for appointing a Deputy
- ✓ Identify when an Advance Decision can be made
- ✓ Respond appropriately to a disagreement about a person's capacity and their best interests
- ✓ Identify correct actions in cases where there are concerns about possible abuse
- ✓ Describe the new offence of ill treatment and neglect
- ✓ Identify the role of the Court of Protection and Public Guardian





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The implementation of the Mental Capacity Act (MCA) 2005 provides a framework to empower and protect people who may lack capacity to make some decisions for themselves. Organisations have a responsibility to train their workforce and ensure they work within the code of practice that accompanies the Act. Local authorities receive an annual grant from central government to ensure that the duties contained in the act are properly enacted. This module will provide local authorities with a blended learning approach that reinforces learning from more traditional training methods and provides a cost effective means to refresh and update training. The assessment contained within the module secures confidence and assurance on compliance for the workforce. It will deliver better outcomes for individuals who require interventions within the MCA whilst providing the organisation with additional protection from legal challenge from misapplication of the MCA.

