

Mental Capacity Act/Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (MCA/DoLs)

We all make choices everyday, some good, some not so good – but this is all part of the way in which we develop the skills to take more control of our own lives.

Overview

The Mental Capacity Act 2005 (MCA) states that everyone over 16 years old should be treated as able to make their own decisions until it is shown that they cannot. The Act puts the individual at the heart of decision making, and places a strong emphasis on supporting and enabling people to make their own decisions or involve them as far as possible in the decision making process. It also aims to safeguard and protect those in society who may lack the capacity to make some decisions for themselves and to ensure that their care does not restrict their freedom.

Key Outcomes

- Raised awareness and understanding of the context for the MCA and DoLs for young people
- Understand the key principles and how to apply these to inform practice
- Validated knowledge of recording decision making and seeking advice

Course Outline

- An overview of the Mental Capacity Act 2005 and other areas of legislation affecting the rights and care of young people
- The principles of mental capacity and deprivation of liberty of young people
- How we assess mental capacity and apply best principles
- Explore some of the challenges of MCA with young people and families
- Parents' rights
- Using case studies to apply legislation and policy to practice

This interactive and scenario based course is aimed at members of the children and young peoples' workforce who are involved in advocating, supporting or decision making on behalf of young people. While Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLs) do not apply until age 18, this training will include their relevance to those in transition.

“Today's session was very interactive and the scenarios encouraged a lot of discussion and thinking. It was well presented and the trainer was very knowledgeable.”

Primary Care Staff Member

Around
2 million
people in
England and Wales

...may lack
capacity
to make decisions...

...due to
Illness
Disability
or **Injury**



Key Points

- Half Day Course
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