

**COURSE TITLE: MENTAL CAPACITY ACT 2005 AND DECISION MAKING**

**Trainer:**

**Duncan Manson** is a registered social worker and Manager of over 20 years' standing, who has held senior level posts in a wide range of adult social care and mental health settings. His work has combined management of 'front line' services with the development of a number of innovative projects, all of which have had team building, training and staff support as key components.

**Aims and Objectives:**

The course aims to give a comprehensive overview of the law as it applies to mental incapacity, including how the law determines whether an individual has 'sufficient capacity' to make a decision. The procedures for substituted decision-making and establishing 'best interests' are outlined, together with guidance on confidentiality and the rights of third parties (families/advocates) to personal records.

**Duration of course:**

Whole day (0930 – 1630 with breaks)

**Numbers:**

Between 12 and 20 participants

**Target Audience:**

The course will be of particular benefit to social workers and other professionals practising in all areas of adult social care, in both hospital and community settings. The course will be relevant to a wide range of specific practice areas, including work with older people, physical disability and learning disability.

Practitioners in adult mental health would also find the day useful, particularly in relation to the interaction between the MCA and the Mental Health Acts 1983 and 2007.

**Teaching Method:**

The course is designed as a workshop, with maximum opportunities for interaction between trainer and course participants. There is a comprehensive Power Point presentation, combined with individual and small group practice.

## **Course Synopsis:**

- The five statutory principles
- Assessing mental capacity
- Establishing 'best interests'
- Lasting Power of Attorney, Deputies and financial matters
- Advance decisions
- Access to information and consent
- Independent Mental Capacity Advocates (IMCAs)
- Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS)
- MCA 2005 interface with Mental Health Acts 1983 / 2007
- Protection of vulnerable adults