



OLDHAM SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD

Multi-Agency Training Course: The Mental Capacity Act

Background Information

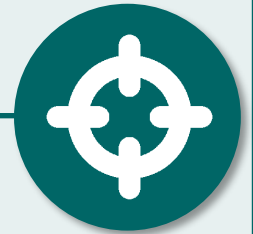
Having mental capacity means being able to understand and retain information and to make a decision based on that information. Someone might not have capacity because they have a Learning Disability; Dementia; a mental health problem; a brain injury; or a stroke. The law outlines how an assessment of mental capacity should be made, in which situations other people can make decisions for someone who cannot act on their own and how people can plan ahead in case they become unable to make decisions in the future. When someone lacks mental capacity to consent to care or treatment, it is sometimes necessary to deprive them of their liberty in their best interests, to protect them from harm.

All health and social care staff have statutory responsibilities to adhere to when acting or making decisions on behalf of individuals who lack the capacity to make those decisions for themselves. Those responsibilities are outlined in the Mental Capacity Act 2005 (MCA) supported by a Code of Practice which provides guidance and information about how the Act works in practice.



Training Aims

This course is facilitated by the Mental Capacity Leads from Adult Social Care and/or Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust and is for all professionals who support people with care and support needs. The course aims to ensure all those working with individuals who may lack capacity to make their own decisions understand how the MCA impacts on their role in promoting human rights and the implications for both the individual and the service provider.



Training Objectives

By the end of this session, you will:

- Understand the key legal duties of the MCA
- Have an increased awareness of the MCA principles
- Understand how capacity is assessed
- Identify when an Independent Mental Capacity Advocate (IMCA) should be involved
- Understand what constitutes a Deprivation of Liberty.



Times/Dates/Venue

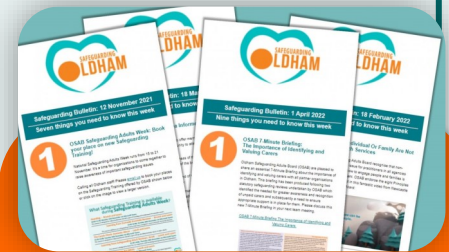
Either attend a session delivered live or attend a 'webinar'. A webinar provides the chance to watch a pre-recorded session and ask any questions.

- **Webinar:** 12:00-14:30, 19 March 2025, via Microsoft Teams
- **Live Session:** 11:00-15:30, 26 June 2025, via Microsoft Teams
Please note, this session will be recorded.
- **Webinar:** 12:00-14:30, 10 September 2025, via Microsoft Teams



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