

## Module 1 - MCA 2005: Principles and Assessing Capacity

**Time:** 9:30am – 4.30pm

Refreshments will be served throughout the day. No Lunch provided, please make your own arrangements.

**Duration:** One-day *All day attendance is required*

**Target group:**

Open to all levels of staff from all social & health care organisations in Kent including KCC, Medway Council, Primary Care & Acute Trusts, KMPT, Private Voluntary & Independent [PVI] sector, Police & Ambulance services.

**Course Objectives:**

- To provide knowledge of the five statutory principles underpinning the Mental Capacity Act;
- To enable participants to demonstrate the application of the five statutory principles in their practice;
- Participants to understand how to assess mental capacity using the two-stage test.

**Learning Outcomes:**

- Participants to know the five statutory principles underpinning the Mental Capacity Act 2005;
- Participants to be confident in applying the five statutory principles in their practice;
- Participants will know how to undertake the two-stage mental capacity test in a range of contexts;
- Participants will be able to carry out effective, evidenced-based assessments of mental capacity.

**Approach:**

A combination of specific teaching input including relevant case law, case studies, group work and experiential learning. This requires a high level of participation, energy and focus from participants. Participants are expected to use the opportunity to share their knowledge and experiences around supporting vulnerable adults.

**Legislative and Policy Framework:**

- Mental Capacity Act 2005;
- The Human Rights Act 1998;
- Positive Risk Management Policy for staff carrying out community care assessments;
- Kent and Medway Multi-agency Adult Protection Policy, Protocols and Guidance (January 2012);
- CQC Guidance and Compliance: Essential Standards of Quality and Safety (December 2009).

**Facilitator:**

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