

## Module 3 – MCA 2005: Best Interests Decision-making Training

**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:**

Delegates will have already completed MCA Level 1 Awareness, or MCA 2005: The Statutory Principles and Assessing Capacity.)

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

**Course Objectives:**

- To provide knowledge of the law in relation to decision-making authority;
- Participants will be able to define the statutory responsibilities of decision makers under the MCA
- Participants will be able to facilitate future planning with vulnerable adults, identifying options available under the MCA;
- Participants will have knowledge of the function and role of the Court of Protection and Office of the Public Guardian in relation to safeguarding vulnerable adults.
- Participants will experience a Best Interests Meeting in action.

**Learning Outcomes:**

- Participants will clearly understand where decision-making authority lies, and the evidence required for the purposes of validation;
- Participants will be able to support future planning when working with adults, which incorporate wishes, feelings and preferences;
- Participants will understand the interface between advanced care planning and safeguarding practice;
- Participants will feel confident in the Best Interests Meeting format and meeting the requirements of the statutory best interests checklist.

**Approach:**

A combination of specific teaching input, 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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