

# Are You Confident?....about the Mental Capacity Act 2005?

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## Project method

A training and education package was developed to improve awareness of the application of the Mental Health Act (MCA) and of the application for a deprivation of liberty safeguard (DoLS). In 2014 Brighton and Hove CCG took the opportunity to work with all providers of health and social care statutory, private and voluntary. Working with multiple providers has led to the development of a whole system educational program with the express intention that sessions would improve frontline clinician and support staff competence to apply the principles of the MCA and improve cross professional and cross organisational working. The program required trainers from different organisations, working together to develop and deliver a consistent educational program and to offer it across the entire area not focused on organisational boundaries.

## Project results/evaluation

Evaluation at the end of March 2015 showed

- Training delivered to 607 clinical staff and 326 non clinical staff.
- Achievement of the learning outcomes, to improve attendees knowledge of the MCA and DoLS
- Improved knowledge and confidence of delegates post completion of the course

## Project area classification

Hospital care	x	Emergency care	
GP care	x	Dementia	x
Social care	x	Learning disability	x
Voluntary sector	x	Other mental health	x
Financial services		Palliative care	x
Police		Advance planning, LPAs	x
Legal		Commissioning	x
Community health care	x	Training	x
Nursing and care home	x	For professionals?	x
Acute care	x	For public and service users?	x
Chronic care	x		