

# **Mental Capacity Act awareness work in 2017**

## **Bedford Borough Council**

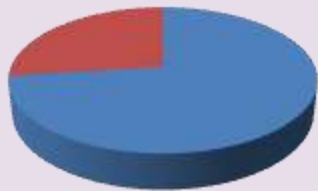
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# Training Programme

Developed and introduced a 6 weekly awareness training programme

- Mental Capacity Act 2005
- Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards

**Outcomes** – increased awareness with a **118%** increase in delegates attending training sessions (compared to 2016)

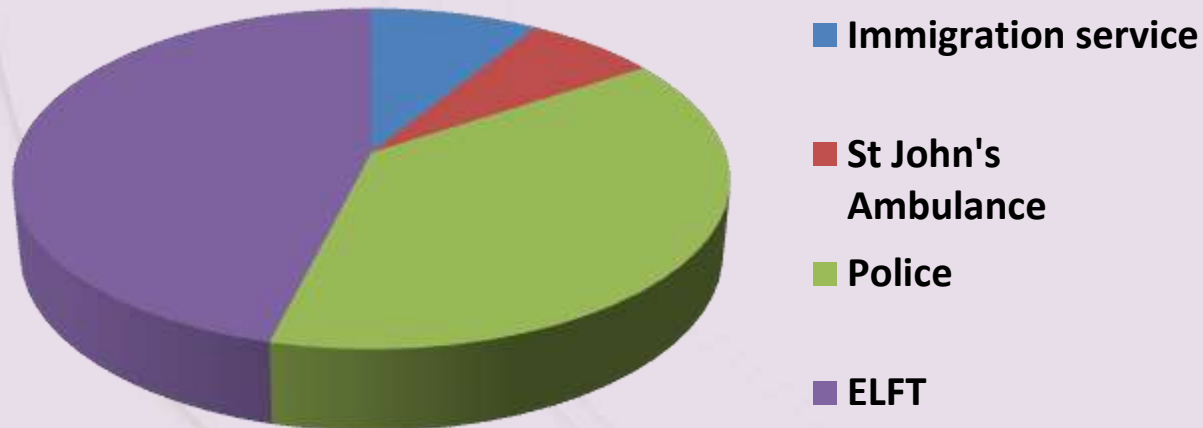


73% - internal employed staff

27% - staff employed in the private, voluntary and independent sector.

# Training Programme

Developed and delivered bespoke training on an ad hoc basis –  
102 delegates attended training in 2017:



# MCA Charter

I pledge:

- Not to discriminate and make assumptions about a person's decision-making ability
- Empower and support people to make their own decisions
- Respect people's rights to make unwise decisions
- Ensure any decision making is made in the person's best interests
- Ensure decisions consider human rights and maximise people's right to autonomy, independence and self-determination



85 people have  
signed up to the MCA  
charter

Children Services

Health

Lyn Romeo

Housing

Portfolio holder for Adult Services

DoLS assessors

Adult Services

Police

Private, voluntary & independent sector



**Thank you for listening**

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