

# CPD Study Days on Mental Capacity Act and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards for Qualified Staff in local Hospital Trusts

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## Project method

I have delivered several bespoke training days developed for qualified healthcare staff on the Mental Capacity Act and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards. These have been attended by groups of multi-disciplinary staff working in a range of acute and specialist areas. Use of case studies, scenarios and SCIE film as well as shared experience has raised awareness and understanding of how to implement principles. I aim to develop confidence in practical application and understanding of the philosophy of the Act. We play games such as DoL or Not? Using real case studies people discuss the situation make a decision and turn over the card to find what the judge ruled. You can see people's confidence increase as they come to the same conclusion. I also highlight that judges don't always agree (Cheshire West and Chester Council v P) and neither do members of multi-disciplinary teams- the main thing is to understand the principles and spirit of the act and advocate for the service user.

## Project results/evaluation

**Quantitative Feedback included:** The Subject Was Relevant 100%; Subject Content met my Needs 95.5%; The Approach to Teaching Aided my Learning 93.8%

**Qualitative Feedback included:** I now feel I have a sound understanding and can cascade this information out to my clinical area..... The use of case studies and opportunity for open discussion of people's experiences aided my learning and understanding..... I enjoyed the course. It was very informative & interesting and I feel I have learnt a lot about MCA/DOLs.... A very enjoyable course. I feel far more knowledgeable now about a very complicated subject. Lots of food for thought..... I have learnt so much today which I will be able to take back to my placement area and put into practice... Very useful and prompted to re-evaluate practice and particularly documentation..... One of the best courses I have ever done.

## Project area classification

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