

# BIA Assessments with People who have Learning Disabilities



## Aims

People who have learning disabilities and live in registered residential care settings or hospitals and lack mental capacity to consent to this are frequently eligible for Deprivation of liberty Safeguards authorisations. The numbers of people who have learning disabilities requiring assessment by BIAs has greatly increased since the Supreme Court's judgment on the P v Cheshire West and P and Q v Surrey cases in March 2014, requiring BIAs to be aware of the needs of these individuals.

This course aims to assist qualified best interest assessors to make best use of their skills when completing DOLS assessments in learning disability settings, considering the particular challenges of this client group, applying this knowledge to each of the BIAs assessments and reviewing relevant case law.

Delegates will have an opportunity to understand different models of learning disability services and to explore how to best undertake BIA assessments with adults who have a variety of learning disabilities.

## Programme

The course will cover the following key topics:

- Learning disability services, a brief history of service models and trends
- Assessing quality services for people with learning disabilities - what to look for when assessing in a service
- Assessing mental capacity with people who have learning disabilities
- No Refusals assessment – working with LPAs, Court Appointed Deputies and families
- Best Interests – identifying care and treatment
- Restrictions and deprivation of liberty, identifying restraint, support and supervision
- Participation, how do we involve the person in their assessment and identify their wishes and feelings
- Assessing risk, what is reasonable and proportionate?


Exercises will consolidate the learning process and allow delegates to explore the subject matter in more depth. The day will end with a question and answer session to clarify any outstanding queries.


The course will be delivered by  
**Chris Lucas**

**Chris** is an independent Best Interest Assessor as well as a Mental Capacity Act trainer and consultant. He is a Topic Advisor for the NICE guideline committee on supporting people who may lack mental capacity. Chris is a registered learning disability nurse and has worked for the NHS and local authorities for 30 years. He was the MCA Development Manager and DOLS Team Manager for Hampshire County Council for 8 years, promoting the implementation of the MCA in practice and establishing the county's DOLS service.

## Course date & location

 **Date**  
13th October 2017

 **Time**  
10:00am to 4:00pm

 **Venue**  
Central London EC4Y  
(nearest underground station Temple)


## Booking details

**Places are limited so early booking is recommended.**

To book and pay online go to

 EventBrite.co.uk and  
search for: BIA Assessments

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 For a booking form and invoice,  
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## Cost

£130 +VAT including all course materials, certificate and refreshments