



**MENTAL CAPACITY ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2016  
DEPRIVATION OF LIBERTY SAFEGUARDS (DoLS)**

**SHSCT TRAINING NEWSLETTER**

**July 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 – September 30<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**E-learning Links**

**NB; staff involved in MCA processes and assessments need to refresh level 2, 3 & 4 every 36 months to remain "suitably qualified".**

**Level 2:** This is basic awareness training and should be completed by all client facing staff:

<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/mental-capacity-act-training>



These can also be accessed via the above codes

**Level 3:** This is deprivation of liberty training should be completed by all staff who will work with people who may be deprived of their liberty. <http://mca-learning.health-ni.gov.uk/level3/>

**Level 4a:** This training is for those staff who will be involved in completing DoL assessments and applications: <http://mca-learning.health-ni.gov.uk/level4/>

**If you are unsure what level of training to complete, please discuss with your Line Manager or contact [tessa.murphy@southerntrust.hscni.net](mailto:tessa.murphy@southerntrust.hscni.net)**

**Training Opportunities/ Updates**

**TRAINING**

**MCA Level 3 & 4 Face to Face Training (open to all relevant staff)**

**Dates:**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

**9.30am – 4.30pm**

**Venue; WIN Business Park, Canal Quay, Newry**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

**9.30am – 4.30pm**

**Venue; BEC, Scarva Road Industrial Estate, Banbridge**

**DEVELOPMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Regional Review of DoL Forms**

There is currently an ongoing review and testing exercise of all forms relating to DoL applications and assessments. When agreed, amended forms will be shared widely.

**In the interim, please continue to use the forms on PageTiger**

**MCA (2016) Section 12, "Acts of Restraint"**

Currently, the use of restraint, remains governed under common law. However, the DOH are seeking to introduce "Section 12" of the MCA which will negate the need for "Declaratory Orders" alongside MCA legislation where high



**Bespoke Level 3 & 4 Training**

**Nursing & AHP Acute staff ONLY**

Date; Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Time; 9.30am – 4.30pm

Venue; Old Staff Room, Trust Headquarters

**Multi-Disciplinary Staff within Bluestone ONLY**

Date; Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Time; 9.30am – 4.30pm

Venue; Conference Room Bluestone

**Multi-Disciplinary Staff within Dorsey ONLY**

Date; Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Time; 9.30am – 4.30pm

Venue; The Ferns, CAH

**Bespoke Level 3 Training;**

**Multi-Disciplinary staff within Children & Young People services ONLY**

Dates;

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024

9.30am – 1pm

Venue; Gallery Room, Cherry villa, St Luke's

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024

9.30am – 1pm

Venue; TBC

**Bespoke Level 4 Training**

**CWD Community Nursing & AHP staff ONLY**

Date; Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Time; 9.30am – 1pm

Venue; Callan Room, St Luke's Hospital, Armagh

**Level 3 & 4 Audience:** All staff involved in MCA DoL assessment and application process– Suitable for initial training requirements and those requiring 36 month refresher training

**NB:** Participants must have completed level 2 ELearning training before commencing level 3 & 4

levels of restraint and seclusion are in place. No date has been agreed for implementation of Section 12 however it is believed it could be introduced by the end of 2024.

**SHSCT MCA Staff Resource**

A “MCA PageTiger Staff Resource” publication has been developed containing up to date information on all aspects of MCA and can be accessed on MCA Sharepoint or the following link;

<https://hcsnisoutherstrust.pagetiger.com/dehabuv/1>

**DOH bi-Monthly Newsletter** These can be accessed via the MCA webpage (under Latest News) at: <https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/mca>.

**ECHO Sessions**

This is a regional resource that offers opportunity to share learning around various MCA issues. There are 10 sessions organised over the calendar year and staff wishing to engage can register directly with ECHO.

**ECHO sessions will take place on second Tuesday of each month commencing September 10<sup>th</sup> 2024.**

Please contact [tessa.murphy@southerstrust.hscni.net](mailto:tessa.murphy@southerstrust.hscni.net) for further information.

**SHSCT MCA Champions Forum**

SHSCT MCA Champions Forum continues via Microsoft Teams; [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Next meetings; Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2024

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024

Time; 2pm – 2.30pm Community staff,

2.20pm – 3pm Acute/ Non-acute staff.

**Topics discussed may be of interest to staff from either settings so you are welcome to join for the full session.** If

you are interested in becoming part of this forum, please discuss with your line manager and contact [tessa.murphy@southerstrust.hscni.net](mailto:tessa.murphy@southerstrust.hscni.net) for more information.



**Trust Staff only** - Please use the individual Learn HSCNI links below to register for a place on each of these sessions on the date you wish to attend.

[MCA Level 3 Training](#)  
[MCA Level 4 Training](#)

**External applicants:** Please complete & return the attached application form for **Face-to-Face sessions only** to [tina.mccay@southerntrust.hscni.net](mailto:tina.mccay@southerntrust.hscni.net) for the date you wish to attend

#### **Form 7 Training Sessions;**

To support staff involved in completing Statement of Incapacity (Form 1), TPA Applications (Form 5) & Extension Reports (Form 14)

#### **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2024**

Times: 10am -11.30am  
11.30 – 1pm

Via Microsoft Teams

Link for both sessions; [Join the meeting now](#)

#### **MCA Workshop/ Development Sessions**

Half-day workshops have been agreed and will focus on supporting staff across various programmes of care/ disciplines in relation to MCA. **Each workshop will run from 9.30am to 1pm.**

**Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024 & Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct 2024; MCA within Day Care and Supported Living**

Venue: Gallery Room, Cherry Villa on both dates

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024; MCA Interface between Bluestone & Community Mental Health Services**

Venue: Zest Conference Room, Bannvale Site

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024; Community Learning and Physical Disability Teams**

Venue; Callan Room, St Luke's Hospital, Armagh

Contact [tina.mccay@southerntrust.hscni.net](mailto:tina.mccay@southerntrust.hscni.net) to register interest in the above events

#### **MCA Duty System**

A professional member of Staff in the SHSCT MCA Team will be available for queries/ support Monday to Friday from 10am – 4pm. This resource can be accessed via; [mca.shsct@southerntrust.hscni.net](mailto:mca.shsct@southerntrust.hscni.net)

#### **MCA Trainer Support Sessions**

Staff Support Sessions continue to be offered by MCA Trainers through attendance at individual Team meetings and bespoke sessions, facilitating case/ MCA issue discussions. If you feel this would be of assistance, please contact [tessa.murphy@southerntrust.hscni.net](mailto:tessa.murphy@southerntrust.hscni.net)

#### **Additional Training Needs**

If you or your team feel that you would benefit from additional training or have identified any training you feel would be beneficial relating to MCA/ DoLs, please contact [tessa.murphy@southerntrust.hscni.net](mailto:tessa.murphy@southerntrust.hscni.net)

Guidance on MCA training is set out in the Maintaining Competence and Confidence paper November 2021 [Maintaining competence and confidence in staff fulfilling functions under the Mental Capacity Act \(NI\) 2016 | Department of Health \(health-ni.gov.uk\)](#).

For more information about any of the items in this Newsletter, please contact [tessa.murphy@southerntrust.hscni.net](mailto:tessa.murphy@southerntrust.hscni.net)

**Remember** – these training opportunities and other MCA support resources are also available to colleagues in the Independent, Community and Voluntary sectors and can be accessed on SHSCT External Website.



**MCA COURSE APPLICATION FORM**

**Title of Course:**

**Date of Course:**

**Please ensure all contact details are completed to facilitate timely communication in the event of any changes**

<b>Name</b>	
Job Title	
Staff Discipline (e.g. Social Services)	
Staff No (Trust Staff only)	
Email address	
Tel Number	
<b>Initial or Refresher Training (L3&amp;L4 Only)</b>	
Sector (i.e. Trust, Independent sector)	

**Please return completed from to: [tina.mccay@southerntrust.hscni.net](mailto:tina.mccay@southerntrust.hscni.net)**