



Safeguarding Adults

This 'Forum Theatre' event will, through the medium of drama, provide participants with an understanding and appreciation of the main features and intent of the Safeguarding Adults Regulations. The programme consists of a series of convincing acted out events followed by a facilitated group discussion. In addition to the dramatised events, which are all based upon real life examples, the actors 'hot seat' and participants interview/question them whilst still in character. This process has to be experienced to be fully appreciated because it simulates interviewing real people and provides an incredible insight into the particular topic under consideration.

This programme has been recognised by the NHS and Care Professions as a *Best Practice* event in the training of carers who have responsibilities in this area.

Contents include:

- ◇ Recognising the existence of abuse.
- ◇ Understanding the signs and symptoms of mistreatment and abuse.
- ◇ What to do if you suspect an adult is experiencing abuse.
- ◇ Working towards keeping vulnerable adults safe and protected from harm.
- ◇ What will happen when concerns are reported.
- ◇ What are the responsibilities of all involved.

Click on the link below to view a sample of the material covered in the workshop.
www.reachanotherlevel.co.uk/videos/safeguarding.swf



Mental Capacity Act

This programme is also delivered through the medium of drama incorporating enactment, simulation and 'Forum Theatre'. In small groups, our team facilitate a discussion on each aspect and implications of the act to build understanding and embed learning.

Where appropriate, some elements of the workshop that need emphasising will involve actors "hot seating", they remain in character for questioning about their motives, feelings, thinking etc.

The main issues covered in the workshops include:

- ◇ The Mental Capacity Act overview.
- ◇ What is Mental Capacity?
- ◇ The Act's 5 Principles.
- ◇ How do you assess mental capacity?
- ◇ Poor decisions don't indicate *lack of mental capacity*.
- ◇ Enduring Power of Attorney & Lasting Power of Attorney.
- ◇ The Legal Standing of the Act.
- ◇ Relevance to the Protection of Vulnerable Adults.
- ◇ Possible consequences of breaches of the act.
- ◇ Protection for Carers.
- ◇ Practical Implications.

Example workshop contents include:

- ◇ Semi formal presentation of the Mental Capacity Act.
- ◇ The first act, this is the story of a family where dad is living with his daughter and son-in law. It covers the prospect of dad being placed into care and the decision making process involved.
- ◇ Part 2, dad's admittance into care.
- ◇ Several short scenarios based upon the 5 core principles follow.
- ◇ Part 3, the story of a man placed in care where the daughter, who lives near by, has the day to day responsibility of looking after his welfare but the son who lives in London is considered next of kin.
- ◇ Part 4, the court case, a Judge and the participants decide upon the outcome.