

Practice of Best Interests Assessors

Part-time

Place of Study

City Campus, Leeds

Length of Study

A series of full day workshops run over one semester, there will be an additional induction session and exam.

Dates

September 2019

Cost

£800.00

(Please contact the University if sponsored by Leeds or Wakefield Local Authority)

Contact

To apply please contact hss-cpd@leedsbeckett.ac.uk or call 0113 8127778

Please note that if you are being sponsored to do the course you will need to send a letter from your sponsor confirming this.

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The Module

The module will equip students with the knowledge and skills to apply the relevant legislation, to promote the rights of service users and to act in the best interests of vulnerable adults.

Module content includes:

- Models of mental capacity and the impact of lacking capacity on service users and their carers;
- Legislative frameworks including the Mental Capacity Act 2005, the Mental Health Acts 1983 and 2007, the Human Rights Act 1998, and related Codes of Practice, other relevant legislation and policy guidance including Safeguarding Adults processes;
- Deprivation of Liberty procedures and processes drawn from a range of relevant research;
- Role of the Best Interests Assessor including an awareness of legal responsibilities and accountability;
- The ability to present clear and reasoned reports in accordance with legal requirements and good practice

NB: You must be provide evidence of opportunity to shadow a Best Interest Assessor

The module includes 20 credit points at Level 7 (Master's Level.)

Assessment

Successful completion of the module is dependent upon:

- Satisfactory attendance at the University for the taught sessions;
- Examination related to relevant law
- Submission of a written case study

Entry Requirements

The Best Interests Assessor (BIA) training can be undertaken by registered practitioners from the following professional groups:

- A registered social worker;
- A first level nurse, registered in Sub-Part 1 of the Nurses' Part of the Register maintained under article 5 of the Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001, or
- An occupational therapist registered in Part 6 of the register;
- A chartered psychologist;
- And have at least two years post registration experience in their profession



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