

Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults – the Legal Framework

one day course

Health and Social Care practitioners are faced with the challenge of constantly balancing the rights of individuals and their responsibilities in terms of a Duty of Care. The link between individual rights and the Safeguarding of potentially vulnerable adults isn't always obvious but it is nevertheless important. Safeguarding is a way to protect people from abuse (and abuse is always a violation of rights)

This course provides practitioners with an understanding of the legal basis for the above statement and will make sense of the rights of individuals, where they come from and the legal framework that is designed to protect those rights

Who is it for? This course can be tailored to the needs of the particular professional group and is generally delivered in the care environment.

Timetable (may be subject to amendment)

Session 1 Safeguarding – an introduction

The need for a 'safe' system

Recent Case law and issues in 'high profile' cases

Session 2 The European Convention on Human Rights

The Human Rights Act 1998

The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2007

Session 3 The Mental Capacity Act 2005

Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards 2007

Session 4 The Disclosure and Barring Service – an amalgamation of the Independent Safeguarding Authority and the Criminal Records Bureau

Balancing the Duty of care, Human Rights and Protection

A system fit for purpose

Learning Outcomes

On completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Understand the 'language' of Safeguarding
- Understand the legislative background to the present Safeguarding system
- Understand the relationship between choice, human rights and Safeguarding
- Understand the mechanisms by which the Safeguarding system 'operates'
- Appreciate the importance of accurate record keeping