

Assess Decision-Making Capacity

For staff working with the elderly and people with disabilities, medical and legal professionals | **1 day***

*Shorter sessions can also be run

There is a need to promote autonomy of decision-making – an individual’s right to make their own decisions. This workshop highlights the paramount importance of autonomy in decision-making, and at the same time ensuring that where a person lacks capacity to make their own decisions, the necessary safeguards are in place to prevent abuse, neglect and exploitation.

Objectives

By the end of the workshop participants will understand what decision-making capacity is, the capacity assessment principles, key legal tests for assessing for capacity and other relevant issues.

Key Content

- Six capacity assessment principles
- Introduction to questions to ask to determine if a person has capacity
- Assisted decision-making
- What to do when a person does not have capacity
- Substitute decision-making including person responsible, enduring guardianship and advance care directives
- Legal test for assessing capacity in different contexts

Comments by Participants

- Excellent workshop
- If people working in HACC do not do this workshop, they are doing a disservice to their clients
- Very practical, I learned a lot
- Fun, interactive and practical
- Loved the workshop
- Thanks so much Tuls, for an excellent workshop!