

Free Online Training Resources



Covid-19 has changed our lives in a whole variety of ways and many of us are still adapting to those changes. SSAB has recognised that the cancellation of face-to-face training has left a gap for people in terms of their continued learning and development. This learning now includes how to continue to do our jobs working with people and safeguarding them from abuse and harm with very limited or no face-to-face contact with them.

SSAB have put together this list of resources to support frontline workers with their continued learning and development. All the resources are free and cover a number of topics including aspects of the safeguarding process, assessing capacity from a distance and supporting victims of domestic abuse. The resources are split into introductory level, which are more suited to people new to the work of safeguarding adults, and experienced level which are more tailored to people with knowledge and experience in safeguarding adults. However, you are encouraged to make use of the resources in a way that suits you – the introductory courses are a good refresher for more experienced workers and the experienced courses are likely to be of interest to those with a special interest in those areas.

We hope to build on these resources in the coming weeks and months as we adapt to a new way of delivering learning and development resources.

If you wish to provide us with any comments or feedback, please use ssab@solihull.gov.uk

Introductory Level

SCIE: Mental Capacity Act (MCA) Training Webinar Series - Introductory Level – 45-60 mins



The Mental Capacity Act 2005 (MCA) is designed to protect and restore power to individuals who may lack capacity to make certain decisions, at a particular time.

We know that those in society most at risk of COVID-19 - older people, and people with existing long-term health conditions – are likely to be over-represented in the group of people whose rights and freedoms are protected by the MCA.

The Department of Health and Social Care has asked SCIE to develop a series of five webinars to support you and your team to understand the MCA and gain an understanding of what it means in practice.

Each week we will explore a different aspect of the MCA. Attend one-off sessions to refresh your learning in a particular area or sign up to all five for a complete overview and introduction to the Act.

Maximising the benefits of remote learning, each webinar will provide:

- a presentation from an expert in the MCA
- a forum for sharing ideas
- Q&A opportunities to discuss the MCA-related challenges that you are facing.

[Mental Capacity Act \(MCA\) training webinar series](#)

Ann Craft Trust: Safeguarding Matters Podcasts 10-30 mins **ann craft trust**

In each episode your host, Nicola Dean, will meet with a special guest to chat about some aspect of safeguarding including Making Safeguarding Personal, The Mental Capacity Act and Disability and Hate Crime. Bite size sessions of between 10 and 30 minutes.

[Find them here.](#)

Experienced Level

NMCF: Remote Assessment of Mental Capacity during Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic Webinar – 30 mins



Alex Ruck Keene, Lorraine Currie and Chelle Farnan from the National Mental Capacity Form (NMCF) discuss how the law works in terms of remote assessment and the practicalities of doing so during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. This webinar assumes professionals already have an understanding of the Mental Capacity Act and focusses on how to apply the principles in practice in “this new world”.

[Remote Assessment of Mental Capacity](#)

SCIE: Asking About and Responding to Domestic Violence and Abuse - 1hr



Social workers are in a key position to identify and help stop domestic violence and abuse. They can do this by recognising the indicators of abuse, talking to people about it and offering support and referral for protection if needed.

Even experienced social workers can find asking about domestic violence and abuse difficult. It requires a lot of skill and understanding to talk to people about their experience, particularly when they are reluctant, or perhaps frightened, to disclose what has happened to them.

[Asking about and responding to domestic violence and abuse](#)