

DEPRIVATION OF LIBERTY SAFEGUARDS, MENTAL CAPACITY ACT 2005
MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSOR TRAINING:

Doctors who have undertaken the DOLS Royal College of Psychiatrists training, Module 2 Mental Health Assessors before or after the 1st April 2009 either on line or delivered locally face to face will be able to act as Mental Health Assessor for a year from the date of the certificate they received either as a result of attending a face to face course or an on-line training (using the materials made available by the Royal College of Psychiatrists)..

To continue to Act as a Mental Health Assessor from the 1 April 2010, if they e.g. trained on 31st March 2009 they will need to undertake further training either on line or face to face by 31 March 2010. If their certificate is dated February 23rd 2009 the relevant date for them is 22nd February 2010 and so on

A training course needs to be completed each year to continue to Act as an assessor after the relevant date, the following year which is personal to each individual.

It is a doctor's responsibility that they complete the initial training and provide a certificate to be entered on to a register and to maintain the training and submit the evidence of annual relevant training to the relevant administrator to remain on the Deprivation of Liberty Mental Health Assessor Register.

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