

## Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards Best Interests Assessors – Legal Update Course

### Aims:

This course aims to provide an essential update on case law in relation to the role of the BIA.

### Learning outcomes:


- Consider the latest DoLS news, research and guidance
- Examine the differences between a restriction on liberty and deprivation of liberty considering lessons from case law
- Discuss the latest relevant case law and reflect on how this affects practice


### Programme:

The content below will change and be updated to reflect the latest case law prior to the training day.

- Latest news and guidance
- Deprivation of Liberty – European level and Supreme Court
- Supreme Court ruling – ‘continuous supervision and control & not free to leave’
- Law society guidance
- Case law – ICUs and DoLS
- Positive duty on local authorities
- AJ v a local authority – the representative
- Best interests summary
- Community deprivation of liberty orders – latest update
- Best interests and stated wishes/belief/values
- Funding – less restrictive – Best interests – the latest case law
- P v Surrey CC and CCG – duration, authorising signatory and less restrictive
- Medication as a type of restraint – NHS England guidance
- PJ v A local authority – Community Treatment Orders and DoLS
- Residential schools and children’s homes – further case law

 **Date**  
15th January 2018

 **Time**  
10:00am to 4:00pm

 **Venue**  
Central London EC4Y  
(Nearest Underground station Temple)


### Booking details

Places are limited so early booking is recommended.

To book and pay online go to

 EventBrite.co.uk and  
search for: **BIA Legal Update**

### OR

For a booking form and invoice,  
email:  
 assistant@edgetraining.org.uk

### Cost

£140 + VAT (£168) including  
all course materials,  
certificate and refreshments.

The course will be delivered by  
**Steven Richards**

**Steven** is a Mental Health Act Reviewer with the Care Quality Commission and a specialist advisor in relation to the Mental Capacity Act. He is a Director of Edge training and consultancy and has worked in the mental health field for over 20 years, both for the NHS and voluntary sector. He has been an in-patient advocate for Mind and as an advocate represented directly before the Court of Protection. Steven has trained health and social care professionals on the Mental Capacity Act since its inception and regularly delivers legal update training to DoLS assessors (BIAs and Mental Health Assessors) and authorising signatories.

Steven is co-author of three books, *Working with the Mental Capacity Act 2005 - 2<sup>nd</sup> edition*, *Working with the Mental Health Act – 3<sup>rd</sup> edition* and *The Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) Handbook – 1<sup>st</sup> edition*. He also co-authors a number of wallcharts on the Acts which are used nationally and a mobile App on the Mental Capacity Act.