

The Care Act 2014, which came largely into force on 1 April 2015, is already having a significant impact upon the way that local authorities assess care needs and arrange services for individuals 'in need of care and support' and their carers. The Act and the Statutory Guidance are clear and comprehensive, but they have raised expectations among those in need of care & support, and particularly among their carers, which may be difficult to meet in practice. The new emphasis on 'well-being', for example, means that individuals' emotional needs must be given as much consideration as their physical and mental health needs, but this can result in pressure to spend more money on a given case, raising major issues at a time of unprecedented squeeze on adult social care budgets.

This practice-based legal update course is particularly suitable to those working with mental health clients but is aimed at all staff with social care responsibilities and their managers. It reviews the main changes brought in by the Care Act and considers how the Act has bedded down in the eight months since it came into force. It aims to clarify some of the more confusing aspects of the Act and the Statutory Guidance, and will update participants on recent developments such as the decision to delay the introduction of the 'care costs cap'. It will make use of case studies & discussion and will be interactive throughout. The emphasis will be on how to ensure compliance with the legal obligations in the Act.

The course will cover the following key topics:

- How the Act fits together, and its philosophy
- Developments since the Act came into force in April
- The scope of the 'well-being' and 'prevention' duties
- Assessments and eligibility, and the issues that arise
- The charging regime and property disregards (outline only)
- Changes to ordinary residence and to s.117 of the Mental Health Act
- Adult safeguarding following the Care Act.

The course will be delivered by  
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### Course date & location

 **Date**  
4th December 2015

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

 **Venue**  
Lincoln's Inn  
London  
WC2A 3TL  
(Chancery Lane or Holborn underground stations)

### Booking details

Places are limited so early booking is recommended.

To book and pay online go to

 EventBrite.co.uk and

search for: **The Care Act 2014, Eight Months On**

OR

 For a booking form and invoice,  
email: [events@edgetraining.org.uk](mailto:events@edgetraining.org.uk)

### Cost

£115 +VAT including refreshments (but not lunch) and all course materials