

Brief Guide to the Mental Capacity Act 2005

Implications for people with learning disabilities

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The Mental Capacity Act 2005 affects the approximately two million people in England and Wales who are unable to make some or all decisions that affects their lives.

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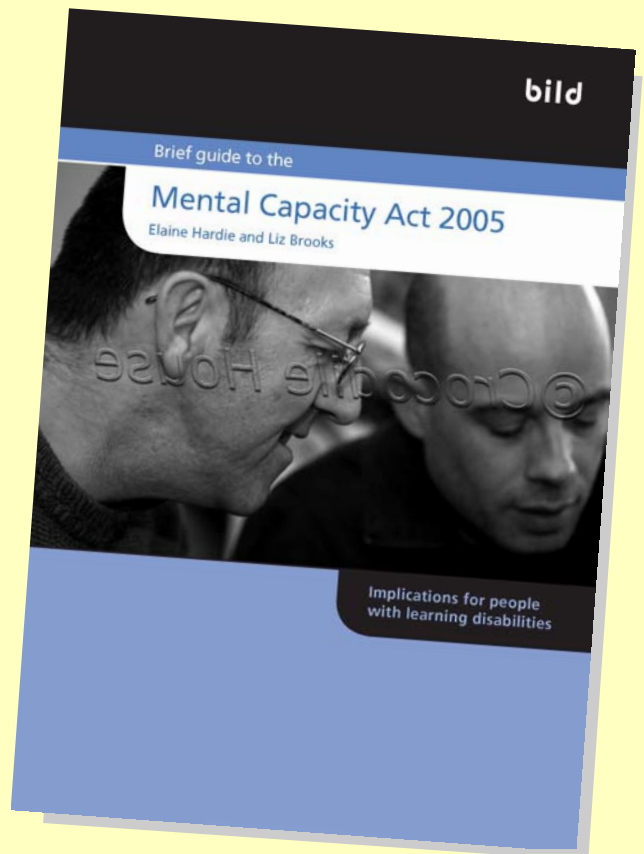
- professionals who work with people who have a learning disability
- parents and carers
- friends
- advocates and self-advocacy groups
- anyone wanting to know more about the Mental Capacity Act and how it applies to people with a learning disability

The guide aims to:

- explain the key points of the Act
- explain what some of the choices and decisions might be
- help you to support someone with a learning disability to plan ahead and talk about their future

The guide provides case studies to demonstrate key points of the Act and practical examples to explain how the Act might be applied in a real-life situation.

The book is accompanied by a poster that highlights the 5 Principles of the Act.



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