

MENTAL HEALTH AND BENEFITS

Who is this course for?

Do you advise on benefits? Do you support clients with mental health problems? Would you like tips on how to complete a DLA form? Want extra information on how clients with a mental health problem claim Employment and Support Allowance? Just want to find out more about what benefits can be claimed? **This is not an introductory course.**

Aim

To gain an awareness of how to increase and protect benefit entitlement for clients. Particular attention will be given to the problems that mental health clients encounter within the benefit system, and tactics for dealing with such problems.

Objectives

By the end of the course the participants will:

- Be familiar with Disability Living Allowance and how this may apply to clients with mental health problems.
- Understand how to improve the likelihood of a successful Disability Living Allowance claim for clients.
- Understand how DLA can lead to or increase benefit entitlement.
- Be aware of the barriers which can make it difficult for clients to claim, maintain or increase benefits (including the rules on permitted work).
- Understand how to ensure that the full extent of a client's incapacity is properly presented in the new work capability assessment.
- Be aware of the relevance of clients' mental health problems to decisions about late claims, sanctions overpayments.