

## Advanced Directives and Healthcare Proxies - When are they valid?

### Basic description of course and content

Those living with a life threatening infection have often put in place advanced directives or living wills to govern decisions that are made with regards to their treatment if and when they lose the capacity to make treatment choices for themselves. You may also find that a healthcare proxy has been given to a next of kin or a partner.

This training session will clarify the legality of advanced directives and healthcare proxies.

### Objectives

- An understanding of what is meant by capacity
- An understanding of what is meant by informed consent
- What to look for in an advanced directive
- Are healthcare proxies valid?
- The impact of the Human Rights Act and the new EU Directive on Clinical Trials
- The impact of proposed changes to the law with regards to same sex couples
- Provision of a decision-making algorithm

### Suggested number of delegates

15 to 30