

Knowledge of legal frameworks relating to working with people who self-harm and/or are suicidal

An ability to draw on knowledge that work with people who self-harm or are suicidal is underpinned by legal frameworks

An ability to draw on knowledge that the sources and details of law may vary across the four home nations of the UK

an ability to draw on knowledge of the relevant legislation and policies that apply to the settings in which interventions take place

Mental health

An ability to draw on knowledge of mental health legislation

Capacity and informed consent

An ability to draw on knowledge of the legal framework that determines the criteria for capacity and informed consent

Data protection

An ability to draw on knowledge of legislation that addresses issues of data protection and the disclosure of information

Equality

An ability to draw on knowledge of equality legislation designed to protect people from discrimination when accessing services (including the statutory requirement for service providers to make reasonable adjustments for people with disabilities)

Resources

Mental health legislation

Mental Health Act 1983:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1983/20/contents>

Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2003/13/contents>

Outline guides:

www.mind.org.uk/help/rights_and_legislation/mental_health_act_1983_an_outline_guide

www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2005/07/22145851/58527

www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/196881/0052725.pdf

Capacity and consent

Mental Capacity Act 2005:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2005/9/contents>

Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland:

www.mwcscot.org.uk/the-law/

Age of Legal Capacity (Scotland) Act 1991:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1991/50/contents>

National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Gillick competency and Fraser Guidelines:

www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-protection-system/legal-definition-child-rights-law/gillick-competency-fraser-guidelines/

Confidentiality

Department of Health (2003), Confidentiality: NHS Code of Practice:

www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_4069253

Data protection

Data Protection Act 2018:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2018/12/contents>

Equality

The Equality Act 2010:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/15/contents>

Human rights

Human Rights Act 1998:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1998/42/contents>