

Approved Mental Health Professionals: Update and/or Refresher Training

A one day course

Topical training for Approved Mental Health Professionals (AMHP) is available for those seeking an update, a refresher course or training which may help towards AMHP re-approval. Courses can be specifically designed depending on the area of practice which is required. Courses may focus on any one of the following or an overview course with all these elements could be provided :

- Legal Update: covering the Mental Health Act, case law, the Mental Capacity Act and other related legislation
- Risk Assessment and Management in the AMHP process
- Assessment of Mental Capacity and how this may impact on practice
- Community Treatment Orders (CTOs)

Who is it for? The course is designed for Approved Mental Health Professionals (AMHP) for those seeking an update, a refresher course or training which may help towards AMHP re-approval. Practitioners who are considering becoming an AMHP or students who are already on AMHP courses may find this course helpful

Session 1 Introduction & overview

Current Challenges facing Approved Mental Health Professionals
National trends, statistics and local practice
Exercise – Quiz

Session 2 Legal Update

Case law and the Mental Health Act
Interface between Mental Capacity Act and Mental Health Act
CTOs in practice
Exercise – Legal dilemmas

Session 3 Developments in risk assessment with focus on suicidal behaviour

Capacity issues, capacity assessments and consent
Exercise/DVD – AMHP practice and risk implications

Session 4 Exploration of common problems for practitioners and the AMHP service

Identification of possible changes to practice
Exercise – Next Steps

Learning Outcomes

On completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Identify changes in the mental health law and legal practice
- Understand issues and challenges relating to national and local trends in AMHP practice
- Examine issues related to risk assessment, capacity issues and how these impact on clinical judgement
- Identify possible changes in individual, team or service provision

Training Techniques

Taught, group exercises/case studies, Q&A, Quiz, DVD