

MENTAL HEALTH ACT REVIEW TRIBUNALS & HEARINGS

A One Day Course

The right of appeal against detention is one of the central rights of the Mental Health Act 1983. Staff are required to attend Mental Health Review Tribunals and Hospital Managers hearings and provide evidence to justify a person's detention under the Act. Specific knowledge and skills are needed in order to prepare for and participate in hearings successfully. This one-day training course for staff provides a thorough grounding in the legal requirements of Mental Health Act hearings and gives practical guidance to help staff prepare for and attend hearings.

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR?

Psychiatrists, social workers, care co-ordinators, and nurses who attend Mental Health Review Tribunals and Hospital Managers' Hearings. Also, prospective Hospital Managers or Tribunal panel members.

SUMMARY OF CONTENT

- ◆ Preparing for hearings – evidence and reports.
- ◆ Attending hearings – how to present information.
- ◆ Decision making – the criteria used by hearings to make decisions.
- ◆ Hearings – their legal basis and procedural matters.
- ◆ Practical case studies and role play of hearings.
- ◆ Case law.

THE TRAINERS:

Steven Richards, one of the original authors of the Maze (Maudsley Hospital guide to the Mental Health Act) and/ or Aasya Mughal a barrister. Both have direct experience of working in mental health services and also extensive training experience to numerous NHS Trusts and local authorities. They are also authors of two books "Working with the Mental Health Act 1983" and "Working with the Mental Capacity Act 2005"

This Course is available as an 'in house' commissioned training programme for up to 30 people.

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