

Mental Health Assessors - Qualification and Refresher Course



The introduction of the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards brought with it the role of Mental Health Assessor (MH Assessor). A MH Assessor is a role undertaken by doctors and is crucial in ensuring that compliance with the legal criteria of DoLS is satisfied but this role also brings with it significant responsibilities as the assessments may be scrutinised by the Court of Protection and higher courts.

This course will ensure MH Assessors are suitably qualified to cover the assessments they will have to undertake as part of their role and give them the confidence to complete the DoLS paper work. The focus will be on Mental Capacity, Eligibility and Mental Disorder Assessments, being the key assessments undertaken by these assessors. The latest DoLS forms and DoLS process will be included in the course.

For those who have already qualified, the course will serve as a detailed legal refresher incorporating the latest relevant case law enabling them to continue in their role.

Due to the advanced nature of this course, it is imperative that those attending already have prior knowledge of the basics of the:

- Mental Health Act 1983 (as amended)
- Mental Capacity Act 2005
- Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards

There will be insufficient time to go through these large areas of law in addition to the specific requirements of the MH Assessor role. We provide separate full day basic awareness training on each of the above subjects.

Key topics of the Day

- Overview of the Mental Health Assessor role
- The latest mental capacity case law
- Mental capacity & record keeping
- The effects of mental disorder on mental capacity
- The eligibility rules
- Objecting patients
- The DoLS Process
- DoLS forms for MH Assessors
- Key rights for people under DoLS

The course will be delivered by
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Aasya is a director of Edge. She currently provides legal representation for individuals and businesses in civil law matters in the county courts including landlord and tenant proceedings. She has previously gained considerable experience as an in-patient advocate, working with detained patients on a number of mental health wards and has appeared before the Court of Protection in this role.

She is co-author of two books, an App and three wall charts on the Mental Health Act and Mental Capacity Act used by local authorities, hospitals, universities and lawyers. She has also provided legal information and advice to the public on human rights law through the organisation Liberty on a pro bono basis.

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Course date & location

 **Date**
14th December 2015

 **Time**
10:00am to 4:00pm

 **Venue**
Lincoln's Inn
London
WC2A 3TL
(Chancery Lane or Holborn underground stations)

Booking details

Places are limited so early booking is recommended.

To book and pay online go to

 EventBrite.co.uk and

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 For a booking form and invoice,
email: events@edgetraining.org.uk

Cost

£180 +VAT (£216) including all course materials, certificate, refreshments and a light working lunch.

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