

2012 Annual 'Taking Stock' Conference

The Mental Health & Mental Capacity Acts in Practice

PROGRAMME

- 9.30am Registration
- 9.50am **Angela Downing**
Welcome
- 10.00am **Mr Justice Peter Jackson**
Key Note Speaker
- 10.30am **Professor Shôn Lewis**
Risk factors and
interventions in early
psychosis
- 11.05am Questions
- 11.20am Coffee
- Richard Jones** Chair
- 11.40am **Professor Phil Fennell**
Killing the Golden Goose:
radical alternative's to
DoLS.
- 12.10pm **Yogi Amin**
The year's top five MCA &
MHA cases
- 12.35pm Discussion &
questions
- 1.00pm Lunch
- 2.00pm **Professor Sue Bailey OBE**
President, Royal College of
Psychiatrists
Ethical ways of working
- 2.25pm **Katharine Scott**
Is there any way out of
Cheshire? Deprivation of
liberty after Cheshire West
- 2.50pm **Penny Letts**
Best Interests
Decision-Making and
updating the MCA Code
- 3.15pm Panel discussion and
questions
- 4.00pm Close

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TAKING STOCK: The MHA 1983 and MCA 2005 in Practice

A National Conference jointly promoted by the Approved Mental Health Professionals Association (North West and North Wales) and Cardiff Law School with sponsorship from Irwin Mitchell Solicitors and Thirty Nine Essex Street Barristers Chambers and with support from Manchester University.

The Conference will review the leading judgments and policy challenges that have emerged over the last year in relation to the Mental Health and Mental Capacity legislation and the social care and medical contexts in which their influence comes to bear.

The Conference will open with a Key Note Address by Mr Justice (Sir Peter) Jackson of the High Court Family Division who has presided over a number of highly influential Mental Capacity and Mental Health Act cases in the Court of Protection (including for example, *Hillingdon LBC v Neary*).

The Conference brings together many leading legal, policy and mental health practitioners and commentators, whose work has shaped the law and practice in this field. They will, in their contributions, analyse recent legal judgments, medical and policy developments with the morning session chaired by Professor Richard Jones.

The Conference provides an opportunity for discussion and debate, and will be of special relevance to those who are affected by the legislation: service users, advocates, health and social care practitioners, lawyers, researchers, independent sector service providers and policy activists.



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The Honourable Mr Justice Peter Jackson Sir Peter Jackson of the High Court Family Division has presided over a number of highly influential Court of Protection cases in the last year, such as *Hillingdon LBC v Neary* (2011) and *C v Blackburn with Darwen BC* (2011). Prior to his elevation to the High Court, his practice included acting for the Official Solicitor in such cases as *In re C (Adult: Refusal of Treatment)* (1993).

Yogi Amin is a partner at Irwin Mitchell Solicitors LLP and deals with general human rights and public law issues. He specialises in judicial review, community care, healthcare, mental capacity and adult welfare, giving advice to individuals, public sector and charitable organisations. He has particular expertise in welfare applications to the Court of Protection and is also well-known for bringing challenges to healthcare decisions

Sue Bailey OBE is President, Royal College of Psychiatrists and Professor of Child Mental Health at the University of Central Lancashire, Child and Adolescent Forensic Psychiatrist at Greater Manchester West Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust and former Registrar of the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

Angela Downing is the Programme Director for the University of Manchester's MSc in Applied Mental Health (including AMHP and BIA training). Angela trained as a psychiatric social worker at the University, qualifying in 1978, and then worked for Manchester Social Services until 2007 when she returned to the University in her academic role.

Phil Fennell is a Professor of Law in Cardiff University Law School. He was the specialist legal adviser to the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Committee on the Draft Mental Health Bill 2004, and to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights for the Committee's scrutiny of the 2006 Bill. He has written widely including *Treatment without Consent* (Routledge), *Mental Health: the New Law* (Jordans) and co-editor of *Principles of Mental Health Law* (OUP – 2010).

Richard Jones is an Honorary Professor of Law at Cardiff University Law School. He is the author of the *Mental Health Act Manual* and the *Mental Capacity Act Manual* (Sweet and Maxwell). He works as a consultant for Morgan Cole Solicitors.

Shôn Lewis FRCPsych is Professor of Adult Psychiatry at The University of Manchester, an honorary consultant psychiatrist in Manchester Mental Health and Social Care Trust: he has extensive research experience and has published widely. Currently Shôn's research interests focus on risk factors and interventions in schizophrenia and psychosis.

Penny Letts OBE is a policy consultant and trainer specialising in mental health and capacity law. She is Editor of the *Elder Law Journal* (Jordans) and was Specialist Adviser to the Parliamentary Select Committee on the Draft Mental Incapacity Bill and prepared a major part of the Mental Capacity Act Code of Practice.

Katharine Scott is a Barrister at 39 Essex Street Chambers with extensive experience of public law in the field of mental health, mental capacity and community care. As well as appearing at First tier tribunals, the Court of Protection and the administrative court, she has also brought and defended claims concerned with charges under the community care legislation. Katharine is regularly instructed by local authorities, the Official Solicitor and by applicants.

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