Assessing Fitness to Plead and Fitness to be Interviewed

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Wednesday 11 February 2015

12.30pm Registration and buffet lunch; 1.00pm Welcome and Introduction; 4.15pm Close

Village Hotel Leeds North, 186 Otley Road, Headingley, Leeds LS16 5PR

The outcome of your comment on a person’s fitness to be interviewed and fitness to plead will greatly impact the Criminal Justice Process, and you may be asked to justify your findings in court.

This seminar gives you a good understanding of the processes. You will learn the difference between the assessments of fitness to be interviewed by the police, and fitness to plead in court. You will learn about the safeguards and consequences for people found unfit. The outcome of this seminar is for you to enable fair, robust and legal procedures on behalf of mentally disordered detainees and allow you to give reliable evidence in court.

After you have attended this seminar, you will:

- be able to give evidence in court to support your findings
- understand the process of assessing fitness to be interviewed and fitness to plead
- understand the safeguards for those found unfit

About our speakers: Malcolm Taylor has been with the Crown Prosecution Service since its inception 1986. His areas of expertise include homicide, shaken and battered babies, corporate manslaughter, large and complex fraud, undercover investigations, and unusual and sensitive cases. He most relevantly took a case on fitness to plead all the way to the House of Lords shortly after the current legislation came into force.

Dr Mike Ventress is a Forensic Consultant Psychiatrist working at the Bretton Centre, Fieldhead Hospital, South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust.

Who should attend? This course is suitable for mental health professionals including psychiatrists, police and appropriate adults.

Course fees: £95. All learning materials, lunch and refreshments are included.

Accreditation: This seminar is eligible for 3 CPD hours subject to your peer group approval and in line with the Royal College of Psychiatrists’ guidelines.

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THE VENUE

The Village Hotel Leeds North is situated approx. 3 miles north of Leeds city centre on the A660 close to the A6120 ring road and is accessible from the city centre or Leeds train station by bus or taxi. Free car parking is available on site.

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