

Essentials: Assessing Fitness to Plead & Be Interviewed

**Thursday 16th
November 2023**

**The Met Hotel, King Street,
Leeds, LS1 2HQ**

12.00pm Lunch &
Registration

12.30pm Welcome

4.30pm Close

Course Fee
£150.00

Accreditation

This course is eligible for **3 CPD** hours subject to your peer group approval

Suitability

This course is suitable for all mental health and learning disabilities professionals, along with police and appropriate adults.

The Venue

The Met Hotel is approx. 2 minutes' walk from Leeds City train station. If you are travelling by car, please note that The Met has no parking for delegates.

About this course

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.

Course Objectives

After attending this course 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 speaker

Dr Mike Ventress is a forensic psychiatrist and has worked in both medium and low secure settings seventeen years. He has substantial experience in providing opinions for solicitors, courts and the Crown Prosecution Service in respect of fitness to plead, often in complex cases. He has a particular interest in mental health law and has a Master's degree in the subject. He is co-author of a paper on fitness to be interviewed published in *Advances in Psychiatric Treatment*. He has regularly given seminars on fitness to plead and fitness to be interviewed to a variety of audiences.

Andrew Sims Centre Reservation Form

CONFIRMATION OF RESERVATIONS

All reservations will be confirmed immediately in writing. Further details including programme times and venue information, will be forwarded approximately 2 weeks prior to the event date. Please ensure you have provided an email address as all booking confirmations will take place by email.

RESERVATION & CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations must be received in writing at least two weeks prior to the course date to be entitled to a refund, which will be subject to a 20% administration fee (minimum £20). We regret that cancellations received after this date cannot be refunded, and refunds cannot be made for failure to attend the event. However, a substitute delegate will be welcomed in your place at any time.

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Signature:..... **Date:**.....

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Budget Transfer will occur in **November** 2023

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