



## Essentials: Assessing Fitness to Plead & Fitness to be Interviewed

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The Met Hotel, Leeds

### PROGRAMME:

- 12.00pm Registration and Lunch
- 12.30pm **Welcome and introduction**
- 12.35pm **Pace and Fitness to be Interviewed by the Police**
- 2.15pm ~ Afternoon refreshments ~
- 2.30pm **Fitness to Plead and Fitness to be Interviewed**
- 4.30pm Evaluation and close

### ABOUT OUR SPEAKER(S):

**Dr Mike Ventress** is dual trained in forensic and adult psychiatry. He has worked in both medium and low secure settings as a consultant forensic psychiatrist for thirteen 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.