Mental Health and Law
A Conference for Leading Clinicians, Lawyers and Academics

Thursday 13th September, 2012

This conference will provide a practical and unique focus on the interface between mental health and law. High quality presentations will be delivered by leading clinicians, lawyers and academics, providing attendees with up to date information about mental health legislation and crucial topics in the field of mental health and law. This conference is suitable for leaders in this field or individuals with a strong academic interest in mental health and law.

Provisional Topics and Invited Speakers

Chair: Professor Kamaldeep Bhui
Professor of Cultural Psychiatry and Epidemiology
Founding Director of MSc Mental Health Programme and Consultant Psychiatrist in Psychotherapy

An Introduction to Mental Health and Law
Professor Richard Ashcroft

Memory Disorders in the Law Courts
Professor Michael Kopelman

Criminal Law and Mental Health
Dr Richard Latham

International Mental Health and Law
Dr Albert Persaud

Terrorism, Psychiatry and the Law
Professor Andrew Silke

Mental Health Tribunal Reports
Judge Sarah Johnston

Ethical and Legal Challenges within Children’s Mental Healthcare
Dr Moli Paul

Homicide, Mental Health and The Law
Dr Ali Ajaz

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6 Hours CPD Points
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Conference Programme

8:30 – 9:00  Tea/Coffee and Registration

9:00 – 9:15  Welcome, Importance of Mental Health and Law and Overview of the Day
Professor Kamaldeep Bhui
Professor of Cultural Psychiatry and Epidemiology
Consultant Psychiatrist in Psychotherapy

Session 1:
Chair: Professor Kamaldeep Bhui

9:15 – 9:55  An Introduction to Mental Health and Law
Professor Richard Ashcroft

9:55 – 10:35  Criminal Law and Mental Health
Dr. Richard Latham

10:35 – 11:15  Ethical and Legal Challenges within Children’s Mental Healthcare
Dr. Moli Paul

11:15 – 11:30  Coffee Break

Session 2:
Chair: Professor Kamaldeep Bhui

11:30 – 12:10  Terrorism, Psychiatry and The Law
Professor Andrew Silke

12:10 – 12:50  Homicide, Mental Health and the Law
Dr. Ali Ajaz

12:50 – 13:50  Lunch

Session 3:
Chair: Professor Kamaldeep Bhui

13:50 – 14:30  Mental Health Tribunal Reports
Judge Sarah Johnston

14:30 – 15:10  Memory Disorders in the Law Courts
Professor Michael Kopelman

15:10 – 15:50  International Perspectives on Mental Health Law
Dr. Albert Persaud

15:50 – 16.10  Panel Questions and Discussion

16:15  Close

Selected Speakers Biographies

Professor Kamaldeep Bhui is a Professor of Cultural Psychiatry and Epidemiology, a Consultant Psychiatrist in Psychotherapy, Director of the Innovative Cultural Consultation Service, President of the World Association of Cultural Psychiatry, Trustee and Director of the charity Careif and professional advisor to Kids Company and the African Mental Health Foundation. Professor Bhui has published numerous peer reviewed journal articles, edited books and disseminated his research through academic conferences.

Professor Richard Ashcroft teaches medical law and ethics in the Department of Law at Queen Mary, University of London. Professor Ashcroft is Co-Director of the Centre for the Study of Incentives in Health, funded by the Wellcome Trust. He is a Deputy Editor of the Journal of Medical Ethics and serves on the editorial boards of a number of other journals. He is a member of the Ethics and Policy Advisory Committee of the Medical Research Council and Director of the Appointing Authority for Phase I Ethics Committees.

Dr. Richard Latham is a consultant forensic psychiatrist in the NHS. He has experience in complex psycho-legal issues in criminal, civil and tribunal proceedings. He has also provided reports in foreign jurisdictions. He holds a Masters degree in mental health law and his thesis for this degree was relating to the utility and limits of mental health expert evidence. He is an author of the first edition of the Oxford Handbook of Forensic Psychiatry.

Dr. Moli Paul is an Associate Clinical Professor of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the University of Warwick and an Honorary Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist within child and adolescent mental health service (CAMHS) in south Warwickshire. Moli has a PhD in biomedical ethics and biomedical science from the University of Birmingham.

Professor Andrew Silke holds a Chair in Criminology at the University of East London where he is the Field Leader for Criminology and the Programme Director for Terrorism Studies. Professor Silke has published extensively on issues to do with terrorism, conflict, crime and policing in journals, books and the popular press. He has worked with a variety of government departments and law enforcement and security agencies in the United Kingdom and overseas. He is a member of the International Association for Counter-terrorism and Security Professionals and has provided expert advice and testimony in many terrorism-related cases.

Professor Kopelman is a Consultant Neuropsychiatrist at SLAM and Lead Consultant with the Neuropsychiatry and Memory Disorders Clinic, as well as Professor of Neuropsychiatry at the Institute of Psychiatry, King’s College London. Professor Kopelman’s clinical research is related to neuropsychiatry and Memory Disorders and includes amnestic syndrome, dementia, confabulation, frontal lobe syndrome and psychogenic amnesia. Professor Kopelman is also the founding member of the Society of Expert Witnesses and the Memory Disorders Research Society and has published extensively in peer reviewed journals.

Dr. Albert Persaud is a Senior Policy Advisor at the Department of Health and is a member of the Bill Team on the Reform of the Mental Health Act and additional associated legislation. Dr. Persaud is one of the principal architects of the National Strategy for Black and Ethnic Minority Mental Health. He is also a member of the Women’s Mental Health Strategy Group, responsible for producing the section on Perinatal Mental Health. Dr. Persaud is a member of the National Institute for Mental Health in England Core Team with responsibility for Black and Ethnic Minority Issues and Law and Practice. Dr. Persaud’s work includes clinical practice, research and public health and Dr. Persaud has published his work on mental health extensively.