

# Mental Health Act Code of Practice – Preparing for the CQC

## Aims:

The revised Mental Health Act Code of Practice provides statutory guidance to Doctors, Approved Clinicians, Approved Mental Health Professionals, and managers and staff of health care providers. It is also relevant to Commissioners of health services, the police, ambulance staff and others in health and social services. In its 2016 report the CQC stated:

*“It is clear from our visits that, one year on from its introduction, some providers are not doing enough to implement the revised Code of Practice or inform patients of their rights. The revised Code came into force in April 2015. We asked providers to update their policies and practices by October 2015, to make sure they supported delivery of the new standards. We also expected services to make sure that staff with statutory MHA roles are trained with the right skills and knowledge to meet the Code’s standards to support the delivery of high-quality care. However, fewer than half of the wards we looked at from September 2015 to April 2016 had provided staff with any form of training on the revised Code, or updated their policies and procedures to reflect the new guidance... On our comprehensive inspections, issues around complying with the Code have contributed to lower ratings and been subject to enforcement actions. Our overall findings suggest that providers and staff need to do more work to promote the importance of the standards in the revised Code”.*

## Programme

The day will provide training on the Code and will include the following key topics:

- the status of the Code and when it is possible to depart from it;
- human rights (ECHR) and the Code’s principles;
- information on patients’ rights;
- the role of the IMHA;
- guidance on nearest relatives (linked to Articles 5 & 8)
- privacy, dignity & safety (A8):
  - gender separation;
  - consent to treatment;
  - seclusion;
- discharge planning;
- local policies;
- tips on addressing CQC concerns about compliance with the Code will be included.

Exercises will consolidate the learning process and allow delegates to explore the subject matter in more detail.

Q & A – the day will end with a question and answer session to clarify any outstanding queries

The course will be delivered by

**Rob Brown**

Rob was a founding director of Edge. He is a social worker. He teaches AMHPs, s12 doctors and Approved Clinicians in England and Wales. He provides consultancy and supervision for the DoLS team of AMHPs and Best Interests Assessors in Cornwall. Rob is also consultant for Lead AMHPs in Lambeth, West Berkshire and Hampshire. He is the author of several texts on mental health and mental capacity law including “The AMHP’s Guide to Mental Health Law” (4th edition, 2016, Sage). Rob is a Visiting Fellow at Bournemouth University.

 **Date** 22nd May 2017

 **Time** 10:00am to 4:00pm

 **Venue** Central London EC4Y  
(Temple Underground station)

## Booking details

Places are limited so early booking is recommended.

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## Cost

£130 + VAT (£156) including all course materials, certificate and refreshments