

# DoLS Mental Health Assessors: Annual Refresher Course



## Aims:

This refresher course has been designed to meet the needs of DoLS Mental Health Assessors. It will cover key topics that cause uncertainty or dilemmas for MH Assessors and go over the main basic requirements of this challenging role. Common Mental Health Act and DoLS interface issues will also be addressed such as the law around the provision of mental health treatment under DoLS. There will be plenty of opportunity to ask questions from an expert in the field and ask about your own case scenarios. The day will be delivered by one of the authors of the highly popular *Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards Handbook* who has also trained thousands of doctors on the Mental Health Act; Mental Capacity Act and DoLS.

In order to attend this course, you must be a doctor who is also **already** qualified as a DoLS Mental Health Assessor. If you are unsure if you meet the entry requirements, please contact us.

This course assumes a certain level of knowledge about the Mental Health Act and Mental Capacity Act. If you are out of practice, to get the most benefit out of the course and in order for the advanced level of the course to be maintained, please revisit the basics of the law prior to attending. In particular, it is imperative that you are fully familiar with Sections 1-6 Mental Capacity Act 2005 and the basic rules on Community Treatment Orders; Guardianship and Section 17 Leave. The Codes of Practice to both Acts contain relevant chapters on these subjects and are available on [www.mentalhealthlaw.co.uk](http://www.mentalhealthlaw.co.uk)

## Programme:

The day will include the following key topics:

- Latest mental capacity case law
  - Exploring challenging mental capacity issues including establishing the 'causative nexus'; fluctuating capacity and the standard of proof.
  - Eligibility rules
  - Interface between Mental Health Act and DoLS
  - Latest eligibility case law
  - Record keeping tips
  - Q & A opportunities throughout the day
- The day will end with a DoLS quiz

The course will be delivered by  
**Aasya Mughal**

**Aasya** is a barrister and director of Edge. She has provided legal representation for individuals and businesses in civil law matters in the county courts including landlord and tenant proceedings. She also has previously gained considerable experience as an in-patient advocate, working with detained patients on a number of mental health wards and has appeared before the Court of Protection in this role.

She is co-author of three books, an App and three wall charts on the Mental Health Act, Mental Capacity Act and DoLS used by local authorities, hospitals, universities and lawyers. She has also provided legal information and advice to the public on human rights law through the organisation Liberty on a pro bono basis.

### Date

 24th April 2017

### Time

 10:00am to 4:00pm

### Venue

 Central London EC1  
(Old Street/Barbican  
Underground station)

### Booking details

Places are limited so early booking is recommended.

For a booking form and invoice go to <http://www.edgetraining.org.uk/trainings-events.php>

To book and pay online go to

 EventBrite.co.uk and

search for: DoLS Mental Health Assessors: Annual Refresher



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### Cost

£180 + VAT (£216) including all course materials, certificate, lunch and refreshments