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Learning Outline:

Social Supervision (Mental Health Act 1983)

This one-day course supports staff undertaking the 'Social Supervisor Role' to understand the legislative framework for supporting Restricted Service Users who have been 'conditionally discharged' under Part 3 of the Mental Health Act.

The course supports Social Supervisor to be able to undertake meaningful supervision which enables the Social Supervisor to report on service user's care in the community, rehabilitation and risk to the public on a regular basis.

This course covers the important interfaces with the discharging hospital, Responsible Clinician and Ministry of Justice and explores the critical balance between establishing a positive rapport, maintaining boundaries and assessing risk.

Learning Outcomes:

This course will provide participants with the following learning outcomes:

- Increased understanding of the legal underpinning to forensic mental health work & the Social Supervisor Role
- Increased awareness of the role of the Social Supervisor for conditionally discharged patient
- Knowledge of learning from case law, inquiries and best practice guidance applied to the social supervisor role.
- Knowledge and understanding of the guidance from the Ministry of Justice in undertaking the role
- The opportunity to reflect on your own supervision & management needs when undertaking the Social Supervisor Role



Learning Outline:

Mental Health Tribunals & Professional Report Writing

Mental Health Review Tribunals (MHRTs) are courts of law, and while they usually take place on hospital grounds, they should be accorded the respect and professional standards of behaviour that would be extended in a formal court room environment. The different reports are intended to assist and inform the tribunal and will be used to inform decisions that may affect an individual's liberty and as such preparing these reports is a skill that practitioners need to develop and continue to improve.

This one-day course is designed for professional staff that may be required to prepare and write reports for Mental Health Review Tribunals.

The course will provide participants with an overview of MHRTs, including practitioner responsibilities and requirements, and will focus on good practice in writing reports for tribunal.

Learning Outcomes:

This course will provide participants with the following learning outcomes:

- Understand the various routes of appeal under the MHA 1983 and MHRT rules
- Awareness of the members of the panel and their roles
- Understanding the difference in thresholds for different types of appeal
- Appraise principles of good practice and values to the preparation of tribunal reports
- Evaluate good practice in giving evidence

Learning Outline:

Working with the Mental Health Act



This session aims to give an overview of the Mental Health Act 1983/ 2007, its role in providing for the care and treatment of mental disorder, and its interface with the Mental Capacity Act 2005. The powers and duties within the Act will be set within their historical context, and the principles, values and ethics that underpin their application in practice will be explored.

This session also considers the interface with the Care Act 2014, the way that services are assessed, planned, co-ordinated and reviewed for someone with mental health problems or a range of related complex needs and Section 117 after care.

Learning Outcomes:

This course will provide participants with the following learning outcomes:

- Understand the key provisions of the Mental Health Act 1983 and subsequent amendments (MHA 2007), including the statutory duties of the detaining authority and required governance arrangements.
- Understand how the MHA interfaces with other legislation – Care Act 2014, Mental Capacity Act 2005 and DoLS – and creates a decision-making framework.
- Increased awareness of the various roles and responsibilities under the MHA
- Recognise the need to balance rights and protection
- Consider the wider impacts on Service Users and Carers of the MHA



Learning Outline:

Section 117 Aftercare (MHA)

Individuals detained for compulsory treatment under the Mental Health Act 1983 become entitled to aftercare once discharged from hospital.

The duties to provide this aftercare is a joint responsibility between health and social care and should be monitored and reviewed on a regular basis, keeping need and entitlements in focus.

This one-day course is designed to provide knowledge and skills needed for practitioners working with individuals subject to s117 aftercare arrangements.

Learning Outcomes:

This course will provide participants with the following learning outcomes:

- Understand and apply the principles and duties of section 117, MHA.
- Increased knowledge of LA/CCG responsibilities and entitlements under s117 aftercare arrangements.
- Understand the interaction between s117 aftercare and the Care Act 2014.
- Updated knowledge of key caselaw precedents affecting s117 provision in practice.

Learning Outline:

The Mental Health Act and Criminal Justice System



The Mental Health system and the Criminal Justice system interface and interact in a range of situations - whether this is via part 3 of the MHA 1983, or via criminal proceedings where the individual's mental health is / or becomes a concern.

This one-day programme is designed for mental health professionals, who need to have an awareness of this complex interface.

Learning Outcomes:

This course will provide participants with the following learning outcomes:

- To understand the interface and links between Mental Health Act and the Criminal Justice System.
- To challenge assumptions and generalisations about mental health within the context of criminal justice provision
- To understand the role of risk assessment and risk perception in Criminal Justice responses



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