

Mental health review tribunals

Basic description of course and content

All mental healthcare practitioners are likely, during their professional careers, to be called to give evidence in tribunals, inquiries, Inquests and in courts. All are terrified of an unknown process.

During this interactive session a fictional tribunal will be set up and delegates will face the realities of questioning under pressure.

Feedback will then be given to delegates and training will be given on how to deal with common questioning techniques.

Objectives

- To understand basic mental health tribunal procedure
- Introduce the characters in the tribunal, their roles and how to address them
- An understanding of the principles involved in the preparation of comprehensive and relevant witness statements
- To understand the relevance of documentary evidence and the procedure relating to the disclosure of documents
- Demystify the process and encourage confident delivery of evidence
- Give the mental healthcare witness the tools to withstand aggressive and intimidating questioning