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# THE SIXTH NORTH EAST MENTAL HEALTH LAW CONFERENCE 2011



Centre for Life  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
Friday 10 June 2011

Centre for Mental Health Law



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## Conference Details

This will be the 6th *North East Mental Health Law Conference* organised by the Law School of Northumbria University. The first conference was held in June 2003, and the most recent was in June 2009. On this occasion sponsorship of the Conference is generously provided by Beachcroft LLP, a national law firm which specialises in advising health sector clients including many mental health providers.

The aim of the Conference is to provide not only an opportunity for reflection on, and debate about, a number of critical issues concerning the application of mental health law, but also a source of relevant up-to-date information and practical assistance. The topics to be addressed by the speakers will be of considerable interest to lawyers, policy makers, managers, doctors, nurses, social workers, academics, service users and all those involved in, or/and interested in, the care and treatment of those suffering from mental disorder.

The *Mental Health Act 2007* amended provisions of the *Mental Health Act 1983*, and the *Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007* led to a major re-organisation of tribunals, including of course the Mental Health Review Tribunal. It was in November 2008 that many of the provisions of both of these important pieces of legislation took effect, and so with the benefit of more than two years experience of them, it will be possible by June 2011 to gauge the significance of the changes, their strengths and their failings.

The proposed programme is set out on the opposite page. As can be seen, issues to be covered include:

- The monitoring of compulsory provisions relating to detention and treatment;
- The application and effectiveness of the 'second opinion' safeguarding provisions;
- The replacement of the 'treatability' criterion with one of 'availability of appropriate medical treatment';
- A report on the Oxford Community Treatment Order Evaluation Trial;
- Consideration of the implications for the application of mental health law of both the European Convention on Human Rights and the UN Convention for the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;
- An overview of the most significant mental health law decisions to have emerged from the Upper Tribunal (Administrative Appeals Chamber).

Although the programme is packed, there will be opportunities for those attending to ask questions and to make comments, not only about issues arising from the various talks but also on other matters of relevance to a mental health law conference. A 'Panel Discussion' has been scheduled for the final session.

## CPD Points

Solicitors – the University is approved by the Law Society for the purpose of Continuing Professional Development. Solicitors, barristers and legal executives qualify for 5.5 hours by attending the conference.

Psychiatrists – the conference organisers have been informed by the Royal College of Psychiatrists that psychiatrists can claim up to 6 hours per day maximum for any conference attended, as long as it is relevant to the individual psychiatrist's clinical, education, research and professional activities.

## SPEAKERS

Once again we have been very fortunate in attracting a highly prestigious panel of speakers. They are:

### Professor Phil Fennell (Cardiff Law School)

Phil Fennell was specialist legal advisor to the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Committee on the *Draft Mental Health Bill 2004*, and to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights for the Committee's scrutiny of the *Mental Health Bill 2006*. His most recent publication is *'Mental Health: Law and Practice'* (2nd ed.; Jordans; 2011).

### Mr Kris Gledhill (Faculty of Law, University of Auckland)

Previously a practising barrister in mental health law who occasionally wrote about mental health matters, Kris Gledhill has now become an academic who occasionally practises. He also edits the Mental Health Law Reports. Recent publications include a chapter on disability discrimination law in *'Principles of Mental Health Law and Policy'* (Gostin et al; OUP; 2010).

### Judge Edward Jacobs (The Upper Tribunal)

Edward Jacobs has been the lead judge for mental health in the Upper Tribunal since 3rd November 2008. He sat as a part-time chairman of tribunals from 1988, before becoming a full-time chairman in 1992, and a Child Support and Social Security Commissioner in 1998. He is the author of *'Tribunal Practice and Procedure'* (2nd ed.; Legal Action Group; 2011).

### Mr Mat Kinton (Policy Analyst, Care Quality Commission)

Mat Kinton was the author of the last five Mental Health Act Commission (MHAC) biennial reports made to the UK Parliament on the MHAC's monitoring of psychiatric detention in England and Wales. He is now responsible for writing the Care Quality Commission's annual reports on its monitoring of the use of the *Mental Health Act 1983*.

### Dr Jorun Rugkåsa (Research Fellow in the Social Psychiatry Group, University of Oxford)

Jorun Rugkåsa manages the Oxford Community Treatment Order Evaluation Trial (OCTET). As an anthropologist and sociologist, Jorun has long experience with health and health services research. Her current research interests include coercion in mental health services, and the experiences of carers of people with mental health problems in ethnic minorities.

### Dr Simon Wood ('Lead' second opinion doctor and trainer for the Care Quality Commission)

Simon Wood has been a consultant psychiatrist in all levels of forensic services from open to high security. He has served as a member of the Parole Board, and is a First-tier Tribunal member. In addition, Simon has worked with the office of the NHS ombudsman, sat on numerous inquiries, advised other jurisdictions on forensic service design, and remains a practising psychiatrist.

## Friday 10 June 2011

9.00 – 9.30	Registration and Coffee
9.30 – 9.40	Introduction
9.40 – 10.20	'Monitoring the <i>Mental Health Act 1983</i> – trends and themes in psychiatric coercion'  Mr Mat Kinton
10.20 – 11.00	'Oxford Community Treatment Order Evaluation Trial (OCTET): Background and early findings from qualitative patient interviews.'  Dr Jorun Rugkåsa
11.00 – 11.25	Coffee/Tea
11.25 – 12.05	'Mental Health Cases in the Upper Tribunal'  Judge Edward Jacobs
12.05 – 12.40	Question and Answer session
12.40 – 1.40	Lunch
1.40 – 2.20	'Can I have another opinion on that?'  Dr Simon Wood
2.20 – 3.00	'From Treatability to Appropriate Treatment: What difference does it make?'  Mr Kris Gledhill
3.00 – 3.20	Coffee/Tea
3.20 – 4.00	'Competing Human Rights Paradigms – The European Convention and the UN Convention for the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities'  Professor Phil Fennell
4.00 – 4.30	Panel Discussion
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