



Withholding and Withdrawing Treatment from Patients in a Vegetative or Minimally Conscious State

Friday 9 May 2014
10am-5pm

followed by drinks reception

University of York

A joint conference
York Chronic Disorders of Consciousness Research Centre
and
Court of Protection Practitioners' Association

We are pleased to welcome as our Keynote Speaker Mr Justice (Sir Jonathan) Baker of the High Court Family Division who has presided over a number of highly influential cases in the Court of Protection and will reflect on his judgment in the first case of withdrawal relating to a patient diagnosed as 'minimally conscious': *W v M and Ors* [2011] EWHC 2443 (Fam). The *Journal of Medical Ethics* has published a number of articles discussing this judgment, which was also widely covered in the media.

There will also be talks from a range of experts covering the ethical, clinical, philosophical, economic, and sociological perspectives of withdrawing treatment from vegetative and minimally conscious patients.

Speakers will include:

- Mr Justice (Sir Jonathan) Baker (Keynote Speaker)
- Professor Penney Lewis, Centre for Medical Law and Ethics, Dickson Poon School of Law, Kings College London
- Professor Derick Wade, Consultant in Neurological Rehabilitation, Oxford Centre for Enablement
- Professor Celia Kitinger, Director of the York Chronic Disorders of Consciousness (CDoC) Research Centre, Sociology Department, University of York
- Dr Stephen Holland, CDoC Research Centre, Philosophy Department, University of York
- Professor Simon Halliday, CDoC Research Centre, Law School, University of York
- Professor Jenny Kitinger, Director of the Cardiff Chronic Disorders of Consciousness Research Centre, University of Cardiff

An application is pending for accreditation from the Solicitors Regulation Authority and the Bar Standards Board. Established practising solicitors and barristers will be able to count this towards their unaccredited CPD allowance.

Free to CoPPA members and staff and students at the University of York and £30 to others.

To register (places are limited – register soon to avoid disappointment):

Send the attached form to: Professor Celia Kitinger, York Chronic Disorders of Consciousness Research Centre, Department of Sociology, University of York YO10 5DD or email celia.kitinger@york.ac.uk

Location: The Lakehouse, Ron Cooke Hub, Heslington East Campus, University of York.

For directions go to: www.york.ac.uk/hub/directions

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Booking form for 9 May 2014

NAME: _____

ORGANISATION: _____

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I will be attending the Conference on 9 May

☐ I enclose a cheque for £30

OR

☐ I am COPPA member or member of the University of York**

SIGNED _____

DATE: _____

PLEASE SEND CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: "University of York" to Celia Kitinger, Chronic Disorders of Consciousness Research Centre, Department of Sociology, University of York, York YO10 5DD

Any other enquiries to Celia Kitinger at celia.kitinger@york.ac.uk

*Please note that there are limited places (100 in total) your cheque will be returned to you in the event that the places are filled by the time of receipt.

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