

# 2016 Annual 'Taking Stock' Conference

The Mental Health Act and Mental Capacity Act in Practice

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## Programme

- 9.00am Registration
- 9.45am Welcome  
**Jake Mills**
- 10.00am **Key Note Speaker**  
**Sara Ryan**  
Negotiating the personal and professional in an unequal world
- 10.30am **Rt Hon Norman Lamb MP**  
Equal Citizens: The rights of those with mental ill health, learning disabilities and autism
- 11.00am Questions
- 11.20am Coffee
- 11.45am **Margaret Flynn**  
Bold lessons from a sometimes chaotic world
- 12.15pm **Alex Ruck Keene**  
Fusion by the back door
- 12.45pm Discussion & questions
- 1.00pm Lunch
- 2.00pm **Professor Tom Burns**  
CTOs don't work: why do we persist in using them?
- 2.30pm **Yogi Amin**  
A review of recent Court of Protection case law. Are the guiding principles of the MHA featuring in court judgments?
- 3.00pm **Neil Allen**  
The "least restrictive" plenary session
- 4.00pm Close



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## Taking Stock: The MHA 1983 and MCA 2005 in Practice

A National Conference jointly promoted by the Approved Mental Health Professionals Association (North West and North Wales), Applied Mental Health (The University of Manchester) and the School of Law, with sponsorship from Irwin Mitchell Solicitors and 39 Essex Chambers.

The theme of this year's conference is '**The five guiding principles of the Mental Health Act**'. Whilst each of the principles will inform the themes of the speaker's presentations, the content will address the broader developments in mental health and mental capacity law. The rights and needs of mental health service users and persons lacking capacity have been brought into the spotlight as much by individual stories and public enquiry as by developments in the law. Whilst many aspects of the law itself are under review, it is a timely moment to reflect on the guiding principles currently in place that underpin the experiences of persons coming into contact with the use of compulsory powers to address mental health needs.

The conference will open with comedian and anti-stigma campaigner **Jake Mills**, followed by a Key Note Address from **Sara Ryan**, a research lead in the University of Oxford and a central figure in the #JusticeforLB campaign. The conference will then be addressed by **Rt Hon Norman Lamb** on the rights of those with mental ill health, learning disabilities and autism. **Margaret Flynn**, the Chair of the National Independent Safeguarding Board in Wales and the joint editor of the Journal of Adult Protection will then follow with an insight into 'bold lessons, from a sometimes chaotic world'.

The afternoon session will commence with a contribution by **Alex Ruck Keene**, a 'star junior' at 39 Essex Chambers discussing 'Fusion by the back door', followed by **Professor Tom Burns**, a Professor Emeritus of Social Psychiatry at the University of Oxford who was awarded the CBE in 2006 for services in mental health care, posing the question 'CTOs don't work: why do we persist in using them?'. After which **Yogi Amin**, the National Head of Irwin Mitchell LLP's public law department, will review recent Court of Protection case law and discuss if the guiding principles of the MHA feature in course judgments. The conference will then finish with **Neil Allen**, a barrister at 39 Essex Chambers and a Senior Lecturer at the University of Manchester, who will lead a plenary session which considers the meaning of "least restrictive".

The conference brings together many leading legal, policy and mental health practitioners and commentators, whose work has shaped the law and practice in this field. It provides an opportunity for discussion and debate, and will be of especial relevance to those who are affected by the legislation, be they service users, advocates, health and social care practitioners, lawyers, researchers, independent sector service providers and policy activists.

All updates can be found on: <http://amhpa.org.uk/taking-stock/>

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### Speakers

Although the listed speakers have confirmed their intention to contribute to the conference, their attendance cannot be guaranteed

## SPEAKERS

**Jake Mills** is a Liverpool born stand-up comedian and writer. He is a key national figure in campaigning against the stigma attached to mental health issues, making appearances on BBC, ITV, national press and radio. Jake will discuss his own experiences battling depression and subsequent suicide attempt, in an effort to develop a more supportive culture, looking at how we can make a difference to our own and other people's lives.

**Sara Ryan** is a research lead in the University of Oxford and plays a central role in the #JusticeforLB campaign.

**Rt Hon Norman Lamb MP** has been the Liberal Democrat MP for North Norfolk since 2001. After serving as a minister in the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, he was appointed Minister of State for Care and Support at the Department of Health in September 2012 and served in this position until May 2015. As Health Minister, Norman worked to reform the care system and led the drive to integrate health and social care, with a greater focus on preventing ill health. He also challenged the NHS to ensure that mental health was treated with the same priority as physical health, including the introduction of access and waiting standards in mental health for the first time. He is now the Liberal Democrat Health spokesperson.

**Margaret Flynn** is the Chair of the National Independent Safeguarding Board in Wales and the joint editor of the Journal of Adult Protection. Margaret has written several reviews addressing the deaths of adults with learning disabilities and adults with mental health problems. She wrote the Winterbourne View Hospital serious case review with Vic Citarella. In December 2013, she was commissioned by the First Minister of Wales Carwyn Jones to undertake a review of the neglect of older people living in care homes investigated as Operation Jasmine.

**Alex Ruck Keene** is recommended as a 'star junior' in Chambers & Partners 2016 for his Court of Protection work. He has been in cases involving the MCA 2005 at all levels up to and including the Supreme Court. He also writes extensively, has numerous academic affiliations and is the creator of the website [www.mentalcapacitylawandpolicy.org.uk](http://www.mentalcapacitylawandpolicy.org.uk). He is on secondment for 2016 to the Law Commission working on the replacement for DOLS.

**Professor Tom Burns** is Professor Emeritus of Social Psychiatry at the University of Oxford. Before 2003 he was Professor of Community Psychiatry at St. George's Hospital in London. His research was predominantly health services research in community psychiatry, particularly trying to understand the components of complex interventions and the nature of the therapeutic relationship. He has recently completed an RCT of the UK's newly introduced Community Treatment Order and found to his consternation that it does not do anything at all for patients. He has published 5 books with OUP. He was awarded the CBE in 2006 for services to mental health care.

**Yogi Amin** is National Head of Irwin Mitchell's public law department, his team conduct cases in the Court of Protection across the country. He is a widely recognised expert in mental capacity law and public law and has been involved in many of the leading cases both in the inherent jurisdiction of the High Court and the Court of Protection. Yogi has been involved in training and development work in the sector for many years and takes a special interest in cases involving medical ethics.

**Neil Allen** is a Barrister at 39 Essex Chambers (Manchester, London, Kuala Lumpur and Singapore) and a Senior Lecturer at the University of Manchester. With particular interests in human rights, mental health and incapacity law, he teaches undergraduate and postgraduate students, trains health, social care and legal professionals, practises mainly in the Court of Protection and regularly publishes in legal books and journals.

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