



# Cygnet Health Care

One-day Conference

## Safety first in mental healthcare:

Protecting patients, families, staff and the public

**York Racecourse - Friday 20th April 2012**

Contrary to impressions created by inappropriate media reporting, most people with a mental disorder are not a danger to others. For the minority who are, it is important that the mental health services, the police, probation and the courts work together to ensure the safety of patients, their families, staff and the public. This event brings together experts and practitioners who will describe best practice to achieve this objective.

The event will be of relevance to mental health professionals, including consultant psychiatrists, probation officers, prison health care staff and police liaison officers.

### Learning objectives:

- Understand the size of the problem, the human and financial cost of assaults by people with a mental disorder
- Learn about best practice in collaboration between the police and mental health services in responding to assaults by people with mental disorder
- Understand how agencies can work together to manage the risks posed by people with mental disorder in the community
- Learn about the current position on treatment of people with personality disorders in the health services and criminal justice system
- Find out about the concerns that judges have when sentencing people with a mental disorder

### Delegate Fees

Early-bird offer of £50 per delegate if booked before 30th March 2012 (£75 if booked after this date).



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09:30 – 09:50	<b>Registration</b>
09:50 – 10:00	<b>Conference Opening from Chair, Dr Keith Rix</b>
10:00 – 10:10	<b>'Assaults against NHS staff: The size of the problem'</b> Richard Hampton, NHS Protect
10:10 – 10:45	<b>Prosecuting psychiatric patients</b> Dr. Simon Wilson, Honorary Senior Lecturer in Forensic Psychiatry, Institute of Psychiatry
10:45 – 11:30	<b>What to expect from the police</b> Inspector Michael Brown, West Midlands Police
11:30 – 11:45	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:45 – 12:30	<b>Safeguarding vulnerable adults</b> Jennie Fecitt, PCT Services
12:30 – 13:15	<b>The Multi-Agency Public Protection Approach</b> Max Beatson, MAPPA Co-ordinator, West Yorkshire Probation Service
13:15 – 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>
14:00 – 14:45	<b>Did the Dangerous Severe Personality Disorder programme work?</b> Professor Conor Duggan
14:45 – 15:30	<b>Judges' concerns when sentencing the mentally disordered</b> His Honour Judge Stephen Ashurst, Honorary Recorder of York
15:30 – 16:00	<b>Panel Discussion</b>
16:00	<b>Conference Close</b>

Please note that this programme is subject to change

## Speakers



**His Honour Judge Stephen Ashurst:** A Circuit Judge on the North Eastern Circuit since 2004, Judge Ashurst was a practising barrister for 25 years, first in Leeds and then at Fountain Chambers, Middlesbrough. He studied at Newcastle University and was called to the Bar in 1979. His practice included family and civil disputes but was principally concerned with serious crime. He was appointed as an Assistant Recorder in 1994 and a Recorder in 1998. Since 2007 he has been the Resident Judge at York Crown Court and became the Honorary Recorder of York in 2008. He has also been a member of the North Yorkshire Probation Board and the Council of the University of York.



**Conor Duggan:** Emeritus Professor at the University of Nottingham and Head of Research and Development at Partnerships in Care. Conor was until recently an Honorary Consultant Psychiatrist at Arnold Lodge, Regional Secure Unit in Leicester where he shared responsibility for a 22-bedded in-patient unit that treats men with personality disorder and a history of serious offending. His research interests are treatment efficacy in personality disordered offenders, their long-term course and the neuropsychological basis of psychopathy.



**Dr Keith J B Rix:** a Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist at Cygnet Hospital Wyke and at The Grange, Cleckheaton with extensive experience of the forensic field since 1966. He is a Part-time Lecturer in the Department of Law at De Montfort University and is the author of Expert Psychiatric Evidence (2011). He sits as a Chairman of the Fitness to Practise Panel of the General Medical Council. His main clinical interest is the care of mentally disordered offenders and he has published extensively on the interface between psychiatry and the law.



**Dr Simon Wilson:** a Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist at Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust in London and an honorary senior lecturer in forensic psychiatry at the Institute of Psychiatry. He is on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Forensic Psychiatry & Psychology, and is an Elected Member of the Forensic Executive Committee of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. He has a particular interest in conceptual and medico-legal issues in psychiatry, and has published in this area.

**Michael Brown:** Michael developed an interest in mental health issues affecting the police as soon as he realised he did not know what he was doing. Twice mental health lead for West Midlands Police, he set up "136 Places of Safety" highlighted by HMIC as best practice and has been seconded to the NPIA to write national policy, guidelines and training for the service. A visiting lecturer at the Universities of Birmingham and Wolverhampton, he was commended by the Chief Constable in 2012 for an outstanding contribution to policing and mental health.



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