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DLM and Part 1 MFFLM Suggested Reading List

It is recommended that candidates read widely for the DLM and for the MFFLM Part 1 examinations. Examples of the core texts are given below and relevant FFLM guidance is available from www.fflm.ac.uk.

Candidates will also be expected to be familiar with relevant statutes (<http://www.statutelaw.gov.uk/Home.aspx>) and secondary legislation relevant to the practice of medical law and the candidates' area of practice, for example statutes relating to criminal investigation, procedure and evidence. As these are continually changing, it is not possible to provide a definitive reading list, although some examples may appear in the list that follows:

Blackstone's statutes on medical law.

8th edition. Morris, Anne E. & Jones Michael A. Oxford: OUP, 2015

British National Formulary (BNF).

BMJ Group and RPS Publishing

Latest edition available (to NHS staff) at: <http://www.bnf.org/bnf/bnf/current/>

Clinical risk management: enhancing patient safety.

2nd edition. Vincent, Charles, editor. London: BMJ Books, 2001

Coroners' courts: a guide to law and practice.

3rd edition. Dorries, Christopher. Oxford: OUP, 2014

Mental Health Act 1983: code of practice.

Revised edition. Department of Health. London: The Stationary Office, 2015.

<http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/code-of-practice-mental-health-act-1983>

Fitness to drive: a guide for health professionals.

Carter, Tim. London: RSM Press, 2006

A clinician's brief guide to the Mental Capacity Act.

2nd edition. Brindle, Nick, et al. London: RCPsych Publications, 2015

A clinician's brief guide to the Mental Health Act.

3rd edition. Zigmond, Tony. London: RCPsych Publications, 2014

GMC publications:

*It is recommended that candidates are familiar with **all of the GMC's core and supplementary guidance including, but not limited to:***

Good Medical Practice (2013). Including supplementary guidance:

- Good practice in prescribing and managing medicines and devices (2013)
- When a patient seeks advice or information about assistance to die (2013)
- Making and using visual and audio recordings of patients (2013)
- Confidentiality: reporting concerns about patients to the DVLA or the DVA (2009) *updated guidance due 2016*
- Writing references (2007)
- Acting as an expert witness (2008)
- Reporting criminal and regulatory proceedings within and outside the UK (2013)
- Sexual behaviour and your duty to report colleagues (2013)
- Personal beliefs and medical practice (2013)
- Acting as a witness in legal proceedings (2013)
- Delegation and referral (2013)
- Ending your professional relationship with a patient (2013)
- Financial and commercial arrangements and conflicts of interest (2013)
- Intimate examinations and chaperones (2103)
- Maintaining a professional boundary between you and your patient (2013)
- Confidentiality: reporting gunshot and knife wounds (2009)

Confidentiality (2009) *Updated guidance due 2016*

Treatment and care towards the end of life: good practice in decision making (2010)

Consent: patients and doctors making decisions together (2008)

Good practice in research and consent to research (2013)

0-18 years: guidance for all doctors (2007)

Protecting children and young people (2012)

Leadership and management for all doctors (2012)

Raising and acting on concerns about patient safety (2012)

Law for doctors: principles and practicalities.

3rd edition. Garside, John-Paul. London: RSM Press, 2006

Mason & McCall Smith's law and medical ethics.

9th edition. Laurie, Graeme and Mason, Kenyon. Oxford: OUP, 2013

Principles of medical law: third edition.

Grubb, Andrew, Laing, Judith and McHale, Jean. Oxford: OUP, 2010
(4th edition due in May 2016)

Medicine, patients and the law.

5th edition. Brazier, Margaret and Cave, Emma. London: Penguin Books, 2011
(6th edition due in 2016)

Churchill's medicolegal pocketbook.

Machin, Vanessa. Edinburgh: Churchill Livingstone, 2003

Mason's forensic medicine for lawyers.

6th edition. Whitwell H, Thorne K, Kolar A, Harvey P. Bloomsbury Professional, 2015

Medical negligence.

4th edition. Jones, Michael, A. London: Sweet & Maxwell, 2008
(5th edition in preparation)

Principles of biomedical ethics.

7th edition. Beauchamp, Tom L. & Childress, James F. New York: OUP, 2013

Further reading

Adults With Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000 part 5 code of practice.

Scottish Government, 2008 (web only)

Available at: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2008/06/13114117/0>

Archbold: criminal pleading, evidence and practice 2016.

London: Sweet and Maxwell, 2015
(new edition annually)

Criminal law (Greens concise Scots law).

6th edition. Jones, Timothy H. & Taggart, Ian. Edinburgh: W Green, 2015

Child abuse quick reference: for healthcare, social service and law enforcement professionals.

Revised 2nd edition. Giardino, Angelo P. & Alexander, Randel. St. Louis: G.W. Medical Pub., 2006

Clinical negligence: a practical guide.

7th edition. Lewis, Charles J. & Buchan, Andrew. Haywards Heath: Bloomsbury Professional, 2012

Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards: code of practice to supplement the main Mental Capacity Act 2005 code of practice.

Ministry of Justice. London: TSO, 2008

http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20130107105354/http://www.dh.gov.uk/prod_co_nsum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/@dh/@en/documents/digitalasset/dh_087309.pdf

Mental health service reform (web resource).

What the government's doing about mental health service reform

<https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/mental-health-service-reform>

Sanctions guidance (information for lawyers and others) (web resource).

Revised August 2015. GMC

Available at: [http://www.gmc-](http://www.gmc-uk.org/concerns/hearings_and_decisions/sanctions_referrals_guidance.asp)

[uk.org/concerns/hearings_and_decisions/sanctions_referrals_guidance.asp](http://www.gmc-uk.org/concerns/hearings_and_decisions/sanctions_referrals_guidance.asp)

Maintaining high professional standards in the modern NHS.

Parts I – V. Department of Health, 2005

Available at:

http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20130107105354/http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_4103586

Original document:

HSC 2003/12. Maintaining high professional standards in the modern NHS: a framework for the initial handling of concerns about doctors and dentists in the NHS.

Department of Health, 2003

http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/+www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Lettersandcirculars/Healthservicecirculars/DH_4065697

Jervis on coroners.

(Full title: Jervis on the office and duties of coroners with forms and precedents.)

13th edition. Matthews, Paul, editor. London: Sweet & Maxwell, 2014

Journal of Mental Health Law

Northumbria Law Press, 2000-2011

<http://www.northumbriajournals.co.uk/index.php/IJMHMCL/issue/archive>

Due for re-launch late 2015 or early 2016 as:

International Journal of Mental Health and Capacity law

<http://www.northumbriajournals.co.uk/index.php/IJMHMCL/index>

Mental Capacity Act manual.

6th edition. Jones, Richard M. London: Sweet & Maxwell, 2014

(new edition approx. every two years)

Mental Health Act manual.

18th edition. Jones, Richard M. London: Sweet & Maxwell, 2015

(new edition annually)

Mental Capacity Act 2005: code of practice.

Department for Constitutional Affairs. London: TSO, 2007

(Made available online by Office of the Public Guardian, 2013)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mental-capacity-act-code-of-practice>

Responsibilities of doctors in child protection cases with regard to confidentiality.

Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health. London: RCPCH, 2004.

Available at <http://www.rcpch.ac.uk>

RCPCH also have other resources on child protection - <http://www.rcpch.ac.uk/improving-child-health/child-protection/child-protection>

Mental health in Scotland (including mental health law) (web resource).

Available at: <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Health/Services/Mental-Health>

Sudden deaths and fatal accident inquiries (Greens Practice Library).

3rd edition. Carmichael, Ian H.B. Edinburgh. Sweet & Maxwell/W. Green, 2005

(4th edition in preparation)

The National Health Service (Performers Lists) (England) Regulations 2013/335.

London: TSO, 2013

The Local Authority Social Services and National Health Service Complaints (England) Regulations 2009/309.

London: TSO, 2009

Working together to safeguard children.

Department for Education. London: TSO, 2015

Available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-safeguard-children--2>

BNF for Children

BMJ Group and RPS Publishing

Latest edition available (to NHS staff) at:

<https://www.medicinescomplete.com/mc/bnfc/current/index.htm>

At a glance guide to the current medical standards of fitness to drive.

Updated. Swansea: DVLA, 2015

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/at-a-glance>

Clinical negligence.

5th edition. Powers, Michael J. & Barton, Anthony. London: Bloomsbury Professional, 2015

APIL guide to fatal accidents.

3rd edition. Exall, Gordon. Bristol: Jordan Publishing, 2015

Fatal accidents: law and practice.

Thomas, Clive. London: Law Society, 2005

National Health Service (Primary Medical Services Performers Lists) (Scotland) Regulations 2004/114

London: TSO, 2004

National Health Service (Performers Lists) (Wales) Regulations 2004/1020

London: TSO, 2004

Government Acts and Statutory Instruments (Regulations) are available at:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/>

Note: where changes have been made to legislation, these may not have been revised in the documents on the web site. See 'Changes to legislation' for more information and to search revisions: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/changes> .

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