The Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine (FFLM) Quality Standards recommend that all doctors and Health Care Professionals must attend a FFLM approved Introductory Training Course (ITC) in GFM prior to commencing work.

Applying for FFLM CPD course approval

Details of how to apply for approval can be found via the link: http://fflm.ac.uk/upload/documents/1256044477.pdf

The criteria for approval are:

1. The primary purpose of the event must be education. Any commercial sponsorship or interests of the programme planner, presenters or facilitators must be declared on the application form and must not influence the structure or content of the event.

2. The learning objectives must be relevant to the core competencies expected of the members of the Faculty, or those practising in fields represented by the Faculty, and must fit the needs of the target audience.

3. The learning objectives must be specifically defined.

4. The teaching methods used will achieve the stated learning objectives.

5. Sufficient information (in the form of a Curriculum Vitae or equivalent) has been provided to demonstrate that the presenters or facilitators have the expertise to deliver the learning objectives using the methods chosen.

6. There must be a procedure in place for evaluation of the event.

7. The evaluation record for previous events organised by the same provider is satisfactory, or reasons for unsatisfactory ratings have been addressed.

8. Certificates of attendance must be issued, in addition the provider agrees to supply to the participant or the Faculty, on request, confirmation of participation any time up to two years after the event has taken place.

Pre-reading

It is recommended course participants undertake some form of pre-reading from the suggested list:


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Introductory Training Course Syllabus

The course must cover the following modules but not necessarily in the following order. Each module is a total of 6 hours.

Module 1 Basic skills
- Introduction, course outline and reading list 0.5 hours
- Consent, confidentiality, ethics 1.0 hour
- Personal safety 0.5 hours
- Police organisation 0.5 hours
- Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1.5 hours
- Record keeping and report writing 1.5 hours
- Summary/questions 0.5 hours

Module 2 RTAct, assault and injuries
- Drink Drive procedure – theory 1.0 hour
- Drugs driving – theory 1.0 hour
- Road Traffic Act – practical 1.0 hour
- Classification and recording of injuries 1.0 hour
- Offences Against the Person Act 1.0 hour
- Practical exercise in recording injuries/report writing 1.0 hour

Module 3 Care of detainees and death
- Fitness for detention 1.0 hour
- Fitness for interview 1.0 hour
- Approved Mental Health Professionals / Appropriate Adults 0.5 hours
- Assessment of mental state/Mental Health Act 1.0 hour
- Substance misuse/dual diagnosis 1.0 hour
- Doctor at the scene of death 1.0 hour
- Death in custody 0.5 hours

Module 4 Sexual Offences, Forensic Science and Child Safeguarding
- Law relating to sexual offences 0.5 hours
- Examination of sexual assault complainant/suspect 2.0 hours
- Forensic science 1.0 hour
- Domestic violence/elder protection 0.5 hours
- Child safeguarding 1.5 hours
- Victim care, safeguarding and support 0.5 hour

Module 5 Law, the Court system and Court Room skills
- The Court System, judicial framework etc 1.0 hour
- Human Rights Act 0.5 hours
- Coronial System 0.5 hours
- Legal protection of children, Children Act 0.5 hours
- Court Room skills 1.0 hour
- Court Room skills – practical exercise 1.5 hours
- Course de-brief, future training 1.0 hour

It must be stressed that completion of the above course does not mean that the individual is competent to work unsupervised and further training, supervision and mentoring, in accordance with the FFLM Quality Standards documents, will be required.

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