

Programme

Date: 2-3 November 2020

Venue: This is a virtual course - facilitated through Zoom

Audience: All paediatricians who are acting as, or thinking of becoming expert witnesses

Day 1 Excellence in Written Evidence		
09.00	09.15	Registration
09.15	09.45	Introduction & Exercise 1 - Objectives <i>Lecture</i>
09.45	11.00	Exercise 2 - Report Writing <i>Note taking exercise</i>
11.00	11.15	Break and networking
11.15	13.00	Exercise 3 - Assessing Reports <i>Statement writing exercise</i>
13.00	14.00	Lunch
14.00	15.00	Exercise 4 - Assessing statements <i>Assessment of Reports</i>
15.00	15.15	Break and networking
15.15	16.45	Exercise 5 - Giving and receiving feedback Exercise 6 - Action steps <i>Workshop</i>
16.45	17.00	Objectives & Close

Key learning points:

- Identifying the issues to be addressed in your report
- A structured approach to preparation and writing
- Expressing an independent view and arguing your conclusion
- Dealing with supporting information
- The Expert's Declaration and other formalities
- Developing an objective and critical eye in relation to your report

Day 2 Courtroom Skills (Witness familiarisation)		
09.00	09.15	Registration
09.15	09.45	Introduction & Objectives <i>Lecture</i>
09.45	11.15	Exercise 1 - Roles & Responsibilities <i>Lecture</i>
11.15	11.30	Break and networking
11.30	13.15	Exercise 2 - Procedures & Processes <i>Lecture</i>
13.15	14.00	Lunch
14.00	15.00	Cross Examination Role Play (Part 1) <i>Workshop</i>
15.00	15.15	Break and networking
15.15	16.45	Cross Examination Role Play (Part 2) <i>Workshop</i>
16.45	17.00	Objectives & Close

Key learning points:

- How the court system works
- Your role as an independent educator of the court
- Key skills of presenting effective evidence
- Techniques lawyers use in cross-examination and how to handle them
- Expressing an opinion based on the foundation of fact
- Giving confident, clear testimony under cross-examination

Delivery:

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Francesca is a Barrister by profession and specialises in family proceedings, both public and private.

Over the past 17 years, Francesca has delivered training for a large number of NHS Trusts and other healthcare organisations, training Health Professionals each year in their legal and safeguarding responsibilities, knowledge and skills, including courtroom skills and statement and report writing.