

The Mental Health (Jersey) Law 2016 - Introductory training for Authorised Officers

Report

Article 2 of the Mental Health (Miscellaneous Provisions and Prescribed Forms) (Jersey) Order 2018 sets out the training and experience requirements for officers who the Minister may authorize under Article 6(1) of the Law as an Authorised Officer. Such training programmes have to be approved by the Minister.

The training programme titled '**The Mental Health (Jersey) Law 2016 - Introductory training for Authorised Officers**' is to be provided to those officers who are already trained as Approved Mental Health Professional within the meaning given by the Mental Health Act 1983 of the United Kingdom or Mental Health Officer within the meaning given by the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 2015 of the Scottish Parliament.

Details of the training programme for Authorised Officers is set out in Appendix 1.

By the end of the session, delegates will:

- Recognise relevant Parts of the Law.
- Understand the role of the Authorized Officer in implementing detentions.
- Be aware of their role in protecting patients' rights and autonomy.
- Be familiar with the expectations of their role regarding Court Hearings.
- Understand the powers of the Court within the Law.
- Be familiar with how case law influences practice and review the outcomes of two cases with regard to their duty to consult nearest relative/person and making best interest decisions for physical health treatment of detained patients.

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Appendix 1: Mental Health (Jersey) Law 2016 Introductory Training Programme

For Authorized Officers to be appointed by the Minister under Article 6 of the Mental Health (Jersey) Law 2016 and Article 2 of the Mental Health (Miscellaneous Provision and Prescribed Forms) (Jersey) Order 2018.

One-day training – content to include:

- Registration
- Introduction
- Overview
- Jersey Mental Health Legislation (MHL) and Code of Practice
- Authorised Officers in the Jersey MHL
- Forms and signatures
- Approved establishments
- Detention in the community
 - Bailiff's Warrants
 - Police power to detain
 - Emergency detention
- Holding powers in hospital
 - Doctor's holding power
 - Nurse's holding power
- Mental Health Law Assessments
 - MHL assessments & applications
 - Least restrictive option
 - Voluntary admission
 - Significant Restriction on Liberty
 - Criteria
 - Medical recommendations
- Nearest Relative / Person
 - Consulting the NR/NP
 - Identifying the NR
 - Consulting the NR/NP
 - Nomination of Nearest Person
 - Court-appointed Nearest Person
- Mental Health Law Assessments
 - Following recommendation
 - Rectifying forms
- Post-MHL assessment reports
- Assessment and Treatment Authorisations
- Treatment Authorisations Renewal
- Recall from Leave of Absence
- Absence without Leave
- Re-taking of patients who have escaped from legal custody
- Guardianship
- Safeguarding of patients
- Questions
- Assessment paper