

## Why should we choose Weightmans?

A progressive top 60 UK law firm, Weightmans is one of the leading legal advisers to the healthcare sector in the UK.

We are contracted to provide legal services to a number of major NHS Trusts, and also represent Trusts in cases handled by the NHS Litigation Authority.

We have a large number of experienced and senior lawyers who provide extensive legal training to a wide variety of NHS staff and organisations. If required, we can call on experienced barristers or judges to contribute to the training.



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### Further information

To understand how Weightmans can help you with all your training needs and for further information please visit:

[www.weightmans.com/legaltraining](http://www.weightmans.com/legaltraining) or call David Ferris, Business Development Manager on 0151 242 6926 and he will be happy to discuss your needs.

### Results for our clients, success for our people



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## NHS legal awareness and training programme

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Awareness  
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## Why do health service staff need legal training?

- NHS staff have wide ranging and increasingly complex responsibilities in regard to how patients and staff are treated
- Patients, carers and society are becoming more assertive in the pursuit of accountability or compensation
- Legislation relating to the rights of staff and patients is rapidly changing and breaches increasingly expose NHS organisations, managers and individual members of staff to either civil or criminal action through the courts.



## What can Weightmans do to help?

Weightmans has expertise in all areas of healthcare law, through their specialist healthcare and extensive commercial practice. We suggest the following topics for the training but will adapt these to meet your needs:

- consent to treatment
- rights of patients under the Mental Health Acts
- the Mental Capacity Act 2005, specifically regarding the rights of patients to make their own decisions about care
- withholding of treatment
- privacy and confidentiality of healthcare treatment
- responsibilities under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974
- incident reporting, investigation and preparation for appearances at the Coroners' (or other) Courts
- avoidance of litigation for NHS bodies
- legal issues arising from the healthcare of children
- legal aspects of Infection Control policies
- assuring the legal robustness of clinical governance and risk management processes
- requirements of Human Rights legislation for both staff and patients
- employment rights for staff.

## How will the training be provided?

We understand the time constraints placed on NHS organisations, and for this reason have designed our training sessions to slot into your own 'on site' training programmes.

Upon discussion, the sessions and topics can be specifically tailored to suit any audience (consultants, nurses, managers etc) and the content can be adapted to your specifications.

## What will it cost?

Costs will vary depending on individual needs with regards to the topic, venue or the length of the session.

In all cases costs will cover all Weightmans fees and include provision of a summary write up of the session content for all delegates.