Medico-Legal Forum
A must for any Occupational Therapist acting as an Expert Witness
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This exciting programme is aimed at Occupational Therapists and other Care Professionals who work as Expert Witnesses. It will include a case law update and sessions on Legal Aid Reforms, Experts’ Meetings and Communication Skills – Achieving Excellent Reports for the Court.

The aim of the Medico-Legal conference is to ensure expert witnesses practising in this field are up to date with current case law, and developing best practice in respect of key aspects of medico-legal work. Delegates will get an opportunity to hear barristers, solicitors and legal trainers, and to debate best practice with them and colleagues.

Learning outcomes and benefits:

1. To know about recent relevant case law and be able to apply it to own casework
2. To have a better understanding of the role of the expert witness from the lawyers’ perspectives and improve practice accordingly
3. To be appraised of the current situation with regard to the implementation of the Jackson reforms, and how this is affecting the medico-legal environment and particularly expert witnesses
4. To develop a greater understanding of needs of written communication in quantum medico-legal reports and improve writing skills
5. To have a greater understanding of how to conduct experts meetings and write joint statements and to debate best practice
Poster Session

The conference will have a poster session running over the two days – this is an effective forum to communicate your ideas, research, initiatives and services with colleagues.

For categories, submission criteria, poster size and other information please see the conference site at www.centrevents.co.uk/cotssip.html