

Excellence in medico-legal report writing

Thursday 3 July 2025

Online course: Zoom

BMA

Programme

9.50 – 10am	REGISTRATION
10 – 10.30am	Welcome and introduction Exercise 1: Objectives
10.30 – 11.15am	The fundamentals of medico-legal expert report writing <i>The building-blocks of expert report writing are covered, including the following:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- differences between primary and secondary sources- differences between evidence of a witness of fact and an expert- a structured approach to expert report writing Exercise 2: Note taking and report writing exercise <i>Delegates take part in a structured simulation of the investigatory stage and report writing stage of their work.</i>
11.15 – 11.30am	BREAK
11.30am – 1pm	Exercise 3: Assessing notes and medico-legal reports <i>The use of objective assessment criteria to critique expert notes and reports is introduced. By assessing the whole range of factors that comprise notes and reports delegates will come to understand what constitutes best practice standards when drafting expert witness reports in the future. Using the objective assessment criteria, delegates will prepare and give constructive feedback to colleagues on their notes and reports prepared in Exercise 2.</i>
1 – 2pm	LUNCH BREAK
2 – 3pm	Exercise 4: Assessing reports <i>Delegates will adopt the perspective of the decision-maker (e.g. judge) and use the same objective assessment criteria to critique and prepare feedback on the reports which they have brought along with them on the course. This will help reinforce in delegates best practice standards in report writing and will help them understand how they can insulate their reports against cross-examination should they find themselves having to present them in court or another legal hearing.</i>
3 – 3.15pm	BREAK
3.15 – 4.15pm	Feedback
4.15 – 4.30pm	Objectives and close
4.30pm	CLOSE

