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Investigations, reviews and inquiries in the NHS

Walking the tightrope

Thursday 25 March 2010

5.30pm – 7.15pm

followed by canapés and drinks

The Old Hall
Lincoln's Inn
London
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NHS organisations work under constant scrutiny. When things go wrong people want to know why. But commissioning and managing an investigation is a risky business that is beyond the experience of many managers. All too often what starts as a desire to learn and improve becomes yet another problem to manage. Costs can escalate, timetables slip and findings be challenged.

Hailsham Chambers and specialist investigative consultancy Verita have joined forces to help managers responsible for commissioning independent investigations, reviews and inquires in the health service to manage conflicting demands.

Experienced investigators from Hailsham Chambers and Verita will explain how to save time and money and avoid judicial review, and the importance of tailoring investigations to fit the event(s) under scrutiny.

Both Hailsham Chambers and Verita have a wealth of experience in conducting investigations, reviews and inquiries and have worked together on numerous high-profile independent reviews.

Hailsham Chambers' specialist regulatory and disciplinary group provides clients with strength in depth at all levels of qualification in investigations both large and small. In recent years its members have been involved in the Ledward and Shipman inquiries and The Kingsway Hospital Deaths Inquests. Jane Mishcon is currently chairing the inquiry into histopathology services in Bristol.

Verita has built its reputation on the independence and quality of its work. Its NHS work includes investigations related to patient safety and clinical risk, safeguarding patients and service users, mental health and corporate governance. It is currently working with the Department of Health on the Mid Staffordshire Inquiry.

Agenda

- 5.30pm Registration
- 6.00pm **Chairman's welcome and introduction**
David Pittaway QC, *Hailsham Chambers*
- 6.05pm **Investigations, reviews and inquiries: what's the difference and does it matter?**
Ed Marsden, *Verita*
- the investigative process
 - different types of investigation and current trends
 - the role of commissioners
- 6.20pm **Lessons from an inquiry chair**
Jane Mishcon, *Hailsham Chambers*
- role of an inquiry chair
 - factors that make the role easier
 - and those that make it harder
- 6.35pm **Avoiding legal challenge**
Derek Holwill, *Hailsham Chambers*
- scope of the terms of reference
 - private versus public
 - involving families
- 6.50pm **Saving time, money and reputations**
Derek Mechen, *Verita*
- a clear remit
 - the right team
 - good project management
- 7.05pm Questions
- 7.15pm Drinks reception



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