This one day training event is aimed at general adult psychiatrists, child and adolescent psychiatrists and clinical psychologists wishing to develop a greater awareness of mental health issues in asylum seekers, and gain skills and extra confidence in preparing expert witness reports for use in court.

Programme

9.15: Registration and Coffee
9.45: Overview of mental health issues in asylum seekers - the national/international context
11.15: Tea/coffee
11.30: Preparing an expert witness report:
   - Duties of the expert
   - Discussion of case example and typical questions (diagnosis; risk assessment; impact of return)
1.00: Lunch
1.45: Further discussion of key questions:
   - Fitness to fly; Capacity to give evidence; Treatment recommendations
   - Impact of detention; Scarring assessment; Learning disability
3.00: Role play - mock court room cross examination with immigration barristers
3.55: Tea/coffee
4.15: Treating & managing complex trauma
4.55: Plenary
5.15: Close

Fee - £50 (including lunch) – to be paid either in advance by cheque or on the day via cash/cheque. To book a place, please either write to or email Greg Smith (21 Prescot Street, London E1 8BB or gsmith@rcpsych.ac.uk) including details of any dietary requirements. Please make cheques payable to the Royal College of Psychiatrists, writing ‘Mental Health of Asylum Seekers Training Day 2015’ on the reverse.

Speakers will include Professor Cornelius Katona, Dr Katy Robjant, Dr Sarah Majid, Dr Hugh Grant-Peterkin, Dr Helen McColl & an experienced immigration law barrister (TBC)

An anonymised case report and guidelines on expert report writing will be provided.