

Child's Play in Court – a 2-day BADth CPD Workshop

Date and time: Monday 1st March AND Friday 5th March 2021
(9.45am – 4.30pm including a break for lunch)



Location: Zoom

DAY 1: Confidentiality, records, report writing, CPS guidance, and professional responsibilities and relationships in forensic work.

9.45 Online Registration

10.00 Introduction to the course – *why keep records? What makes a good record? What to include/omit, process notes, storing records, time-limits, the legal basis for confidentiality, parental responsibility, children capacity and consent.*

12.30 Lunch break

2.00 Confidentiality and disclosures – best practice in sharing information between professionals (e.g. safeguarding), when and how to make document disclosure, handling requests for copies/to see client records from:

- Clients
- Parents and/or carers
- Police
- The Courts

Writing reports for court

CPS Guidance – Pre-trial therapy with children and special measures

4.30 Close



DAY 2: Preparing for Court and giving evidence in Court.

9.45 Online Registration

10.00 Introduction to day 2 – *legal structure, the court system and the judiciary, powers of the police and professional relationships in the courts, how a court is set out (and who's in the court room), witness of fact/expert witness, courtroom etiquette and how to handle being a witness.*

Case study – read through and discussion of an event in the case in small groups, from the perspective of different people involved (15 mins on child(ren), parent(s), social worker and 20mins on school teachers/assistant, counsellor).

Preparation of the case for court – each of the above groups to write notes and/or a short report for the court based on the identified event from the case study.

12.30 Lunch break

2.00 The courtroom: role play of brief presentation of the witness' evidence in the course, supported by their small groups.

4.00 Plenary discussion

4.30 Close

Facilitator: Dr. Barbara Mitchels

Barbara draws from her practice experience as a solicitor, psychotherapist and mediator.

She has published widely on topics relevant to therapy and the law, and also runs an information and consultancy service for counsellors and psychotherapists.

Prices (for the TWO days):

BADth members: £150 Non-members: £200



BOOKING FORM:

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