

Title	Providing initial legal advice in mental health law	
Level	3	
Credit value	4	
Learning outcomes: <i>The learner will</i>	Assessment criteria: <i>The learner can:</i>	
1. Understand the broad legislative (in your country)framework relating to mental health provision	1.1 Explain the key principles of the current legislative framework relating to clients with mental health problems 1.2 Explain where and how to access more detail on relevant legislation 1.3 Explain the legislation and guidance relating to the compulsory detention of patients with mental health problems and their aftercare 1.4 Analyse the framework of policy and guidance relating to dual diagnosis and the services available 1.5 Explain how to advise on local policies relating to care and development plans for clients with mental health problems	
2. Understand the roles and responsibilities of the primary providers of mental health services	2.1 Explain the range of service provision that may be available to clients with a mental health problem 2.2 Analyse the roles and responsibilities of the members of the mental health team 2.3 Identify the nature and location of mental health service provision locally	
3. Understand the range of options for the assessment of mentally ill clients	3.1 Analyse the rights to assessment for clients with mental health problems and their carers 3.2 Explain who is responsible for making the assessment 3.3 Analyse the procedures that can be used to assess clients with mental health	

	<p>problems</p> <p>3.4 Explain how to assess the risks that may arise as a result of a client having a mental health problem including risk of harm to self and others</p>
<p>4. Understand the main areas of mental illness and their treatment</p>	<p>4.1 Explain the common terminology used within mental health</p> <p>4.2 Explain how to diagnose mental illness/disability</p> <p>4.3 Analyse the broad categories of treatment that can be provided to clients with a mental health problem</p> <p>4.4 Explain the rights of the patient to consent to treatment and their right not to take medication</p>
<p>5. Understand the benefits available to clients with mental health problems and how to apply for them</p>	<p>5.1 Analyse the range of benefits that clients with mental health problems may be eligible for</p> <p>5.2 Analyse the documentation relating to the benefits that clients with mental health problems may be eligible for</p> <p>5.3 Explain how to help clients with mental health problems apply for appropriate benefits</p>
<p>6. Understand the influence of different cultures on the perceptions of mental health and approaches to seeking treatment</p>	<p>6.1 Explain how different cultures can influence people's perceptions of mental health</p> <p>6.2 Analyse how people's perceptions of mental health can impact on clients</p> <p>6.3 Analyse how different cultures and perceptions can impact on approaches to seeking treatment</p>
<p>7. Understand how to recognise when a client should be referred to a more specialist adviser</p>	<p>7.1 Explain why it is important to work within own level of competence</p> <p>7.2 Analyse how to recognise when a client should be referred to a different or more specialist adviser</p> <p>7.3 Explain the processes and procedures that</p>

	must be followed when referring clients to another adviser
Additional information about the unit	
Unit purpose and aim(s)	This unit is about the broad knowledge and understanding required to provide information and advice on mental health rights and responsibilities to clients at the point of initial contact with the service. It also covers how to decide whether a client needs to be referred to an alternative or more specialist source of advice.
Unit expiry date	
Details of the relationship between the unit and relevant national occupational standards or other professional standards or curricula (if required)	This unit is based on the Legal Advice Unit IB7: First line mental health legal advice, developed in 2006 and reviewed in 2009 as part of the incremental review of Legal Advice NOS.
Assessment requirements or guidance specified by a sector or regulatory body (if required)	This unit should be assessed through a formal assessment of knowledge.
Support for unit from a sector skills council or other appropriate body (if required)	This unit is endorsed by Skills for Justice, the Sector Skills Council for Justice
Location of unit within the subject/sector classification system	
Name of organisation submitting the unit	Skills for Justice
Availability for use	Shared
Unit available from	
Unit guided learning hours	30