

An important training day from **The At Work Partnership**
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TRAINING



Employment Medicals and Fitness for Work

Wednesday 26 June 2019
Central London

An important update from **The At Work Partnership** on the legal and practical issues surrounding employment medicals and fitness for work

Chaired by: *Dr John Ballard*, editor of *Occupational Health [at Work]*

- > Research update
- > Implications of the Glasgow bin lorry crash, Germanwings flight 9525 and Coventry bus crash for healthcare professionals
- > Legal issues – pre-employment health checks and medicals
- > Fitness to work – legal compliance and best practice
- > Safety-critical work – assessing fitness to work and alcohol and drug testing
- > Fitness to drive and the OH professional

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Programme

9.00 Registration and coffee

9.15 Welcome, introduction and background

Dr John Ballard, Occupational Health [at Work]

- Fitness for work in safety critical roles
- Fatal incidents at work: Glasgow bin lorry crash; Germanwings flight 9525; Coventry bus crash

9.25 Pre-employment and pre-placement health screening: research update

Dr John Ballard, Occupational Health [at Work]

- Health screening, discrimination and employment
- Complex questionnaires or simple declarations?
- Impact on practice of The *Equality Act 2010* and data protection legislation

10.00 The law part one: pre-employment health checks and medicals

Nick Hanning, Anthony Gold Solicitors

- The *Equality Act 2010*
- Age, sex, pregnancy and disability discrimination
- Data protection – *Data Protection Act 2018* and the GDPR
- Employment law
- Health and safety law – special cases
- Human rights

10.50 Coffee

11.10 Fitness for work

Dr Tony Williams, Working Fit

- Making evidence-based decisions
- Perceptions and beliefs regarding fitness
- Fitness for work after surgery
- Self assessment/declaration versus employment medicals
- Role of the GP/specialist
- Do you need a specialist's report?
- Implications of ageing on fitness
 - healthcare
 - transport
- Rehabilitation, adjustments and adaptations

12.00 Safety-critical fitness for work

Dr Tim Stevenson, The Healthy Company

- Assessing fitness for safety-critical work
 - pre-placement or pre-employment?
 - assessing ongoing fitness for work
 - what criteria to use ○ industry standards
- Drug and alcohol testing
 - legal and ethical considerations
 - when to test and what to test
 - practicalities and pitfalls ○ managing cases

12.50 Discussion forum

An interactive Q&A session – your opportunity to discuss with our expert speakers the issues that currently concern you. Pre-submitted questions are welcome.

13.05 Lunch

14.10 Fitness to drive and the OH professional

Dr Nick Jenkins, DVLA

- Accessing relevant medical information from GPs
- Interpreting the DVLA's *Assessing fitness to drive* guidance
- Disclosing medical conditions to the DVLA without the individual's consent
- The ageing driver – implications of the Coventry bus crash

15.00 Tea

15.20 The law part two: fit for work? Legal compliance and better practice

Prof Diana Kloss, barrister

- Glasgow bin lorry and Coventry bus crashes – implications for healthcare professionals
- Sick pay and evidence of sickness
- Termination and retirement on health grounds
- Disability – assessment and reasonable adjustments
- Age discrimination – when is it justified?
- Disclosure of unfitness to work without consent
- Statutory health surveillance

16.10 Final questions

16.15 Close of conference

About The At Work Partnership

Dedicated to bringing high quality, good value conferences and courses to OH and allied health professionals, H&S and HR managers, **The At Work Partnership** researches the subjects that really matter to professionals in your field, and sources speakers who are true subject experts. We ensure that each conference is of the highest quality, and provide you with useful documentation, highlighting resources for additional learning. **All delegates receive a Certificate of Attendance and can gain additional CPD by participating in further learning after the conference/course, via the At Work Partnership's CPD scheme.**

We also publish the journal *Occupational Health [at Work]* as well as a new online service, *OH Law Online*, and we produce two free OH email newsletters, one focusing on OH law, and the other on general OH news. Visit www.atworkpartnership.co.uk to get your copies and find out more.

Employment medicals and fitness for work

Three recent high-profile cases, the Coventry bus crash, Glasgow bin lorry crash and Germanwings flight 9525 disaster, have kept the issues surrounding fitness for work in the public spotlight over recent years. This important training day, from **The At Work Partnership**, examines why good practice in assessing fitness for work remains an important aspect of OH, not only to safeguard the health and safety of employees and others affected by the work, but also to ensure fair and non-discriminatory employment. It looks at best practice in the field of employment medicals, fitness for work, and the use of pre-employment/pre-placement questionnaires and health checks. It will ensure that your organisation is up to date with all of the latest legal and practical issues affecting health issues at recruitment and ongoing fitness to work.

Practical and up-to-the-minute sessions will be combined with interactive discussion and debate. As part of our assessment of pre-employment issues, Dr John Ballard, editor of *Occupational Health [at Work]*, looks at the implications of research findings on pre-employment and pre-placement health screening, and legal expert Nick Hanning provides an in-depth examination of the implications of the *Equality Act 2010*.

In our focus on fitness for work, Dr Tony Williams looks at making evidence-based decisions regarding fitness for work, looking in particular at the issues raised by ageing and fitness for work, and highlighting examples from the areas of healthcare and transport. Two topical sessions then highlight the latest thinking in key areas: Dr Nick Jenkins of the DVLA examines fitness to drive, and Dr Tim Stevenson addresses the assessment of fitness for work in safety-critical areas and highlights drug and alcohol policies and testing.

Legal expert Prof Diana Kloss concludes the day with an examination of the key legal points surrounding fitness for work on a variety of complex areas – from reasonable adjustments to health surveillance.

This training is designed for:

- OH and allied health professionals
- HR managers
- Safety professionals

How will attending this training benefit you?

You will gain:

- an up-to-the-minute understanding of how the legislation and case law relating to employment medicals and fitness for work impacts on your responsibilities and your day-to-day work. You'll be certain of your obligations, and how to comply with them
- insight into the issues affecting fitness to drive and drug and alcohol testing
- an in-depth appreciation of best practice

This highly regarded training day from **The At Work Partnership** has been running for over 15 years. It has been continuously updated as research emerges and the law changes, and we have advised hundreds of delegates on how to achieve the best outcomes in these areas. Don't miss out; make sure that you book today!

About our expert speakers

Dr John Ballard

John has been researching and writing on OH and disability issues for over 20 years. He edits *Occupational Health [at Work]* and jointly edited *Discrimination Law and OH Practice* (The At Work Partnership, 2012) with Diana Kloss. He is an honorary fellow of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine (FOM), and an honorary senior lecturer at the University of Birmingham's IOEM.

Nick Hanning

Nick is a specialist personal injury and employment lawyer with Anthony Gold Solicitors. Specialising in psychiatric injury claims, he acted for the claimant in the seminal case of *Majrowski v Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Trust*, and in a separate case resulting in an employment tribunal award of £4.5 million. He is past president of the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives.

Prof Diana Kloss MBE

Diana is a barrister, former employment judge and honorary senior lecturer in OH law at the University of Manchester. Her publications include *Occupational Health Law* (Wiley Blackwell), and she is consultant editor of The At Work Partnership's *OH Law Online*. Diana is an honorary fellow of the FOM, an ACAS arbitrator, and is honorary president of the Council for Work and Health.

Dr Tony Williams

Tony spent 19 years in the army before setting up Working Fit Ltd, an occupational health consultancy. He has produced evidence-based guidance for selection and retention to the Fire Service and worked with the RCS(Eng) and RCOG on guidelines for fitness to work after surgery. He has specialist interests in ill-health retirement, pensions and insurance.

Dr Nick Jenkins

Nick is the senior DVLA doctor. He has worked at DVLA since 2015, and was previously an emergency medicine (A&E) consultant. His primary remit is to ensure road safety, and he is currently working with emergency-department clinicians exploring working practices to improve awareness and processes with regard to fitness to drive.

Dr Tim Stevenson

Tim was previously a GP and opened Business Health Resources, an occupational health provider, in 1999. He is also the founder and medical director for the Healthy Company where Tim's vision has always been of a holistic approach to medicine to promote the wellbeing of the individual, the company and the community. He has specialist knowledge of the role of OH in safety critical work.

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