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Provisional Programme

Date & Time: Friday, 28th November 2025, between 10.00am and 4.00pm

Location: BPS London Offices, 30 Tabernacle Street, London, EC2A 4UE

9.45	Arrival, Registration and Coffee	
10.00	Welcome and Introductions	Professor John Taylor, <i>Chair, BPS MHA Advisory Group</i>
10.15	Mental Health Act 2025: What has Changed?	Speaker tbc, <i>Department of Health & Social Care</i>
11.00	Coffee Break	
11.15	Legal Update	Carole Burrell, <i>Associate Professor in Law, Northumbria University Newcastle</i>
12.00	Case Study	Jeanette McDonagh, <i>Consultant Clinical Psychologist & Approved Clinician</i>
12.30	Lunch Break	
13.15	Parallel Development Sessions	
	a) A National Evaluation of the MPAC Role: What, Why and How?	Prof John Taylor, <i>Consultant Clinical Psychologist/AC</i> & Christine Hutchinson, <i>Consultant Nurse/AC</i>
OR	b) AC Development Workshop: Work-Place Training, Portfolio Development and Overcoming Barriers to Completion	Dr Elinore Percy, <i>Consultant Clinical Psychologist, Approved Clinician & Approvals Panel Member</i>
14.30	Tea Break	
14.45	Supervised Discharge and Other Changes Affecting Restricted Patients	Angie Munley, <i>Head of Team, Mental Health Casework Section, Ministry of Justice</i>
15.15	Litigation Privilege and the Mental Health Tribunal: A Hazardous Blindspot?	William Ralston, <i>Senior Lecturer, Northumbria University Newcastle</i>
15.55	Closing Remarks	Dr Peter Stevens, <i>Deputy Chair, BPS MHA Advisory Group</i>
16.00	Close	