

Working together, building confidence
Human Tissue Authority post mortem sector conference

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Location: London

Dear Colleague,

The Human Tissue Authority (HTA) invites you to attend a conference that will be of interest to all professionals working in the post mortem sector, including pathologists, anatomical pathology technologists (APTs) and coroners. In particular, we welcome Designated Individuals (DIs) and Persons Designated (PDs) working at HTA-licensed establishments, and representatives of relevant professional bodies.

Coinciding with the launch of the HTA's 2009 report of compliance in the post mortem sector, the conference provides the opportunity to network with colleagues and aims to encourage collaboration between professional groups.

After three years of licensing and inspection, we have developed a detailed understanding of the challenges facing the post mortem sector. The conference will give the HTA the opportunity to support DIs in understanding and fulfilling their statutory responsibilities under the Human Tissue Act and encourage delegates to explore how improvements can be achieved.

Presentations will include: consent under the Human Tissue Act, the changing role of the APT, a pathologist's perspective on how professional bodies can work together to improve standards, and a session on coroners' reform by the Ministry of Justice.

A choice of interactive seminars will be available in the afternoon, including the role of the DI, forensic post mortems, managing untoward incidents and communication issues surrounding disposal. There will also be opportunities to speak with members of HTA staff throughout the day.

The seminar 'Decoding the DI role' will cover a number of key topics for DIs. The HTA strongly advises that this seminar is attended by all DIs from the post mortem sector who have not completed the HTA's DI e-learning course or who participated in HTA DI training more than 12 months ago.

You can register for the conference on the HTA website:

www.hta.gov.uk/trainingandconferences/htatrainingandconferences.cfm/631-Working-together--building-confidence---post-mortem-sector-conference.html

You can also register by phoning 08701 632804.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis; therefore we advise that you register as soon as possible.

We hope to see you at the conference.

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