

## A Thee Day Course Aimed at all Public Health Professionals

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The aim of the course is to increase the awareness of Public Health Medics, Non-medical Public Health Specialists, Health Protection Nurses and Environmental Health Officers in both the legal implications of their work, and of each other. The course covers:

English Legal System - a brief introduction to provide a foundation for the concepts encountered on the course  
The Human Rights Act 1998, Data Protection Act 1998 and Freedom of Information Act 2000 and their impact on this area of activity

The Health Protection Agency, Primary Care Trusts and Local Authorities - how they operate and how delegates fit in with them

The Law of Communicable Disease Control - A detailed study of the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984 and the forthcoming significant amendments to the control provisions, together with associated legislation

Additionally, there is a visit to a Magistrates Court to see the law in action.

Before the Course, delegates will receive a Home Study Pack in preparation for the Course

### Course Outline

#### Day One

- The English Legal System. A discussion of the material contained in the pre course material.
- How do I fit in and What do I fit in to?
- An explanation of how the law controls the activities of Public Health Professionals, and how they and the Organisation they work for and with are empowered by law.
- Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984.
- Section 47 of the National Assistance Act 1948 (optional—not all HPA staff are involved)



#### Day Two

- What would you do if...? Workshop session considering aspects of the and the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 1988
- Presentations by Delegates and Discussions
- What the Public Health Medic means.
- What the Non-medical Public Health Specialist means.
- What the Health Protection Nurse means .
- What the Environmental Health Officer means .



#### Day Three

- Visit to Magistrates' Court - *an opportunity to observe procedures without involvement in proceedings.*
- Discussion of Court visit.
- Busby's Box or The Dreaded Queries.
- General Questions.

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- Medics
- Non-medical Specialists
- Health Protection Nurses
- Environmental Health Officers

the Course covers all legal aspects of Communicable Disease Control in enjoyable, interactive sessions over a three day period.

**If you are involved in Communicable Disease Control, you cannot afford to miss this course.**