

Getting in on the Act

E-Learning Programme for Mental Health Commission

Background

The Mental Health Commission (MHC) is an independent statutory body established under the Mental Health Act, 2001. It promotes high standards in the delivery of mental health services to the people of Ireland, and ensures the interests of those involuntarily admitted to Approved Centres are protected.

The Mental Health Commission also provides education programmes for professionals working in the field of mental health, and for the public.

Challenge

The Mental Health Commission asked us to develop a comprehensive e-learning programme on the Mental Health Act, 2001. The e-learning programme had to be suitable for those whose work brings them into contact with people suffering from a mental illness or a mental disorder, and for the general public.

The Mental Health Act, 2001 is very comprehensive so our biggest challenges were to present the information contained in the Act in a way that everyone could understand, and to keep learners interested.

Clients Say:

"Aurion has enabled the Mental Health Commission to provide a high quality education programme on Mental Health Legislation to a wide variety of audiences through a most efficient mode of delivery.

Aurion developed **Getting in on the Act** to an excellent standard, transforming complex material into an interactive method of teaching through case studies, animated scenarios and exercises."

Rosemary Smyth,
Director Training and Development



Solution

Our priority was to translate the Mental Health Act, 2001 into plain English so that we could make people aware of their rights and responsibilities. Once we had a good understanding of the Act, we identified our learning objectives. We then began to create the learning content and activities to support the learning. Next, we developed assessments to test users' learning. During this process our project team were also working on the design and build.

Our **Getting in on the Act** e-learning programme contains almost eight hours of interactive learning, spread over seven modules.

It covers all aspects of the Mental Health Act, 2001 relating to caring for and treating persons within the mental health service in Ireland.

Healthcare professionals can take an online assessment to provide evidence of having completed the course and use it as evidence of continuing professional development.

Features

- animated stories depicting real-life scenarios
- opportunities for personal reflection
- observation and assessment exercises
- interactive quizzes
- multiple choice questions and answers
- progress tests
- additional resources (links to policies, legislation and websites)
- glossary of terms.

We also created a training management system which includes resources and tools to assist training providers deliver class-room based training on The Mental Health Act, 2001.

References



Progress Checks

What does the Mental Health Commission do?

Which of the following functions is the Mental Health Commission charged with under the Mental Health Act, 2001?
Select the six correct answers and click **Check**. Click **Feedback** to learn more.

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| 1. Prepare codes of practice for the guidance of persons working in the mental health services. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | ✓ |
| 2. Establish Mental Health Tribunals. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | ✓ |
| 3. Establish a panel of consultant psychiatrists who will carry out independent medical examinations of any person admitted involuntarily. | <input type="checkbox"/> | ✗ |
| 4. Manage the budget and funding for mental health services. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | ✗ |
| 5. Establish a legal aid scheme for patients wishing to be represented before a Mental Health Tribunal. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | ✓ |
| 6. Advise the Minister for Health and Children on matters or functions related to the work of the Mental Health Commission. | <input type="checkbox"/> | ✗ |
| 7. Provide mental health services. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | ✗ |
| 8. Carry out any additional functions that may be specified by the Minister for Health and Children. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | ✓ |

Not quite!
You found 4 out of 6 correct answers.
Think about those functions that will help the Mental Health Commission provide a framework to support the on-going improvement of Mental Health Services, while protecting the rights of the individual. Please try again.

Results

The Mental Health Commission has been able to provide training on the Mental Health Act, 2001 to all professionals in Ireland who work within the field of mental health.

The Mental Health Commission has been able to provide training on the Mental Health Act, 2001 to members of the public.

Mental health professionals and people whose families suffer from a mental illness/disorder are now more informed about the implications of the Mental Health Act, 2001.

It's easier for training providers to deliver face-to-face training on the Mental Health Act, 2001.

The Mental Health Commission has received very positive feedback on this e-learning programme.

Animated Stories



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