



**Extract of MINUTES for the purposes of witness statement for the
Lampard Inquiry**

Immediate Life Support Course Subcommittee Meeting

RC (UK) Meeting room and teleconference 26 February 2019

• ILS in mental health trusts

Following a discussion about challenges facing mental health trusts wanting to run the ILS course at the last meeting, drafts for suggested course materials and an addendum to the ILS course regulations designed to help these organisations were circulated to the group prior to this meeting.

All members provided generally positive feedback for all the materials. Subcommittee Chair suggested that a more explicit overdose scenario should be included.

The suggested addendum to the regulations would enable mental health trusts, which currently struggle to recruit ALS instructors for their ILS courses, to run ILS courses with an experienced ILS instructor as the Course Director.

Some members of the group expressed concerns about the credibility of an ILS instructor to direct an ILS course, as well as the danger of 'dumbing down' the ILS course for groups such as mental health, community healthcare, dentists etc. They were unsure whether it would be a good idea to 'dilute' the ILS course for these cohorts rather than keep the same ILS contents for everyone.

The subcommittee agreed that there is a need for external validation of these courses and course centres.

The group agreed to pilot the draft mental health scenarios to see whether they would work for ILS in mental health and to come up with ideas for external validation of mental health trust based course centres, if they are allowed to run with ILS instructors as Course Directors. It was also suggested that creating scenarios for other groups, such as first responders or dentists, may be worth considering.

Action:

ABC to organise piloting the draft mental health scenarios at current mental health trust based course centres.

The whole group to look at ideas for external validation of mental health course centres.