

UKCEN Pre-Conference Workshop

Values, Experience and Beliefs in Ethical Decision Making

18th June 2013

Part 1	Values, Beliefs and Ethical Judgement
13:30	Introduction <i>Dr Premila Fade, Consultant Geriatrician Poole Hospital NHSFT</i>
13:45	Individual exercise - Core values
14:00	Facilitated group work using case histories: How do beliefs and values influence judgement and action?
14:30	Feedback and discussion - Judgement and reflection <i>Dr Premila Fade</i>
15:00	Presentation – Know thyself <i>Key Note Speaker: Rev Bryan Vernon, Senior Lecturer in Healthcare Ethics, Newcastle Medical School and CEC member of Newcastle Hospitals Clinical Ethics Advisory Group</i> <i>Experience is a light that can illuminate – but it can also blind. Drawing on personal experience, I will look at the factors in my biography that may shape my approach to ethical issues in medicine in order to enable participants to identify the factors which influence them.</i>
15:30	Tea break
Part 2	Group dynamics and the function of the clinical ethics committee
16:00	Facilitated group work using case histories: How do group dynamics influence the discussion of the ethical dilemma? What is the ideal make up of a clinical ethics committee?
16:30	Presentation and Discussion - How to get the best out of your clinical ethics committee; facilitating debate and managing case discussion <i>Dr Premila Fade</i>
17:00	Feedback
17:15	Close

Aims of the workshop:

- To explore how our beliefs, values and experience influence interpretation of evidence and ethical judgement.
The first session of the workshop will use a mix of case based discussion and facilitated personal reflection to enable participants to recognise the ways in which personal values, beliefs, and experience affect their approach to ethical

dilemmas in their role as a member of an ethics committee. The session will conclude with a presentation on the interplay between personal belief and ethical decision making by Rev Bryan Vernon, senior lecturer and member of Newcastle Upon Tyne Clinical Ethics Committee

2. To explore the impact of group dynamics, hierarchies and process on ethical discourse in clinical ethics committees.

The second session will use case based discussion to identify the effect of group process, individual roles, and hierarchies on group process and ethical deliberation in the context of a clinical ethics committee. The session will conclude with a presentation by Dr Premila Fade on techniques for developing effective and ethical group functioning.

Speaker/facilitator biographies

Dr Premila Fade

Premila Fade has been a consultant in Medicine for the Elderly at Poole Hospital NHSFT since 2003. She graduated from Guy's Hospital Medical School in 1992. She trained in geriatric medicine in the Wessex region from 1997-2003. It was during this time that she developed her interest in medical ethics; she gained a Master's degree in medical ethics and law from King's College London in 2001.

Prem set up the clinical ethics group at Poole Hospital in 2004, she chaired the group from 2004-2009 and is the current secretary. She also chaired the British Geriatrics Society Medical Ethics Special Interest Group from 2009-11. Prem has published several articles on ethical issues in older people's care and co-authored the Royal College of Physician's concise guideline on Advance Care Planning (2009). She is particularly interested in advance care planning, capacity and end of life care.

Rev Bryan Vernon

Bryan Vernon has a Law degree, trained for Anglican ministry at The Queen's College, Birmingham and was curate at St Gabriel's Heaton before becoming Chaplain of the University of Newcastle upon Tyne.

He is Senior Lecturer in Health Care Ethics at Newcastle Medical School and chairs HealthWORKS Newcastle, a healthy living centre in Benwell. He is an honorary chaplain to the University and the Newcastle Hospitals NHS Trust. He is General Secretary of the Institute of Medical Ethics. He has completed 30 Great North Runs.

Dr Anne Slowther

Anne Slowther is Associate Professor of Clinical Ethics at Warwick Medical School where she is responsible for undergraduate and post graduate teaching of medical ethics. Anne qualified in medicine in 1980 and her clinical area is general practice (family medicine). She has a Masters in Medical Ethics and Law from King's College London and a DPhil in medical ethics from the University of Oxford. She has run training workshops for members of clinical ethics committees throughout the UK for the past ten years. Her main areas of research interest are ethical decision making in clinical practice and provision of clinical ethics support and she has also published on ethics in medical education. She is a member of the Editorial Committee of Clinical Ethics, and the Governing Body of the UK Institute of Medical Ethics. She continues to work one day a week in an inner city general practice and as a clinical ethicist for University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust.