

Mental Health Tribunals Law, Practice and Procedure

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PREFACE

In describing the rationale for this book, I am not able to improve upon the introduction to *Mental Health Review Tribunals – Essential Cases* (Kris Gledhill, Southside Legal Publishing Ltd, 2nd edn, 2011) where he states:

‘The law relating to detention on the basis of mental disorder and the tribunal at the centre of applications for release should be settled and certain, given that it involves deprivation of liberty and a vulnerable population, two factors that make it important that the law be clear.’

The purpose of this book is to be of use to the entire spectrum of participants (from whichever perspective) who are involved in Mental Health Tribunals. It is intended to provide clear and practical assistance in respect of not only the long-established principles behind Mental Health Tribunals, but also to take the opportunity of covering the changes brought about by the Tribunals Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 and the amendments to the Mental Health Act 1983 (including the new Rules and the new Appellate Tier). If it contributes even in modest measure to clarity on the law and practice, then it will have achieved its objectives.

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