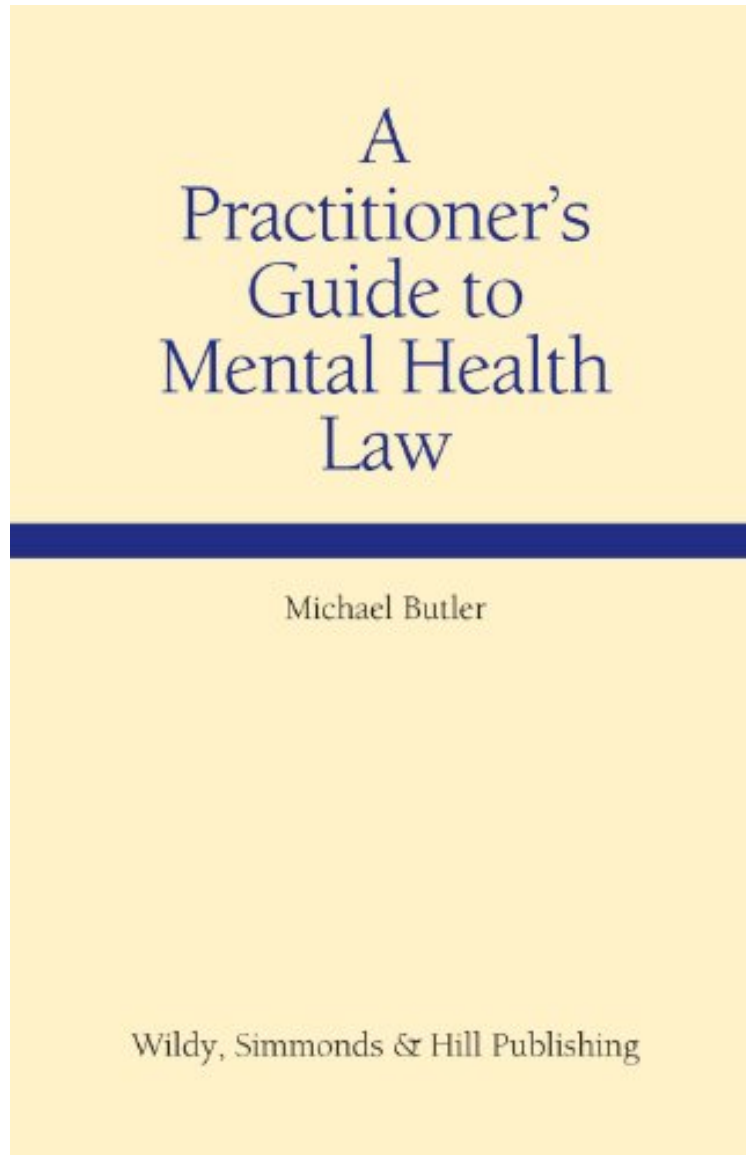


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An appreciation by Phillip Taylor MBE and Elizabeth Taylor of Richmond Green Chambers Wildy are to be congratulated for their excellent and helpful series of books which they call practitioner guides. The latest title to reach the stable is Michael Butler's *A Practitioner's Guide to Mental Health Law* which gives us a comprehensive and accessible text on the complex but fascinating area of mental health law which is certainly for the specialist. Butler covers matters of everyday concern to lawyers, advisers and other mental health professionals in a clear and easy-to-read format which is the hallmark of the Wildy publications. The mental health law guide covers the following areas which you may be looking for with your own practice starting with an overview of the statutory and regulatory framework for mental health law. It then looks at the impact of the ECHR on mental health law; the meaning of mental disorder; law and procedure governing civil admissions to hospital under the Mental Health Act 1983; police powers in respect of the mentally disordered; and treatment of patients under Part IV of the Mental Health Act 1983. The book also explains the rules governing the admission to hospital and treatment of children and young persons and the rights of detained patients. It covers discharge powers available to responsible clinicians, nearest relatives and hospital managers and the constitution, role and powers of Mental Health Tribunals. It reviews aftercare, guardianship and community treatment orders, and medical treatment and other decision-making under the Mental Capacity Act 2005. Special areas we found of great assistance include the issue of Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards which continue to increase as an area of importance for practitioners plus mental disorder and the criminal law. Butler gives us a glossary of key terms and participants in the legal process, a summary of the main differences between English and Welsh law and procedure. The definitions and explanations of the main psychiatric disorders, and checklists covering the key procedural points in hospital admissions are of great help to us both in court and at Conferences. *A Practitioner's Guide to Mental Health Law* is well-described as a comprehensive and practical guide written by a leading practitioner in the field. This expertise is what we need in the step by step guide to practice and procedure because it identifies common areas of difficulty and offers suggested solutions. Those areas of most concern to mental health lawyers are covered in depth to provide a clear and easy-to-read source of key information. The book examines all aspects of this complex, but fascinating area of law and attention is paid to areas of rapid expansion such as that of mental capacity. Structured in an accessible way, this book will guide you through the key issues. There is also helpful detail on the statutory and regulatory framework of mental health law together with a glossary of key terms and participants. The suggestions for further reading will need to be expanded in the future as this specialist legal area develops. The links to key organisations and other sources of useful information and an up-to-date and definitive guide to all relevant case law are excellent inclusions. Butler also features case studies, checklists and frequently asked questions (FAQs) which are all set out in a clear, concise and cost-effective format to make this book readable at a reasonable price. The publication date is stated as 2014.

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