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Moving on - From school to adult life for young people with special needs



A series of five, free transition seminars for parents and carers of young people with special needs and learning difficulties (aged 14 - 25). Taking place in central London during the summer term 2013, leading experts will cover what you need to know to ensure young people have the best chance of a positive start to adulthood

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Transition from school, social care and carers' rights

Steve Broach, Barrister at Doughty Street Chambers

Monday 15 April 2013, 10am to 2.30pm, (9.30am registration)

- Legal duties relating to social care, education, transition, the provision of services and young adults leaving care
- The rights and entitlements of carers
- Direct payments and personal budgets
- The new multi-disciplinary assessment
- How recent changes to legislation will affect young disabled adults and their parents/carers
- Mental health aftercare

The Mental Capacity Act (MCA) and transition

Alex Rook, Associate Solicitor Public Law Department, Irwin Mitchell, and Grace Serwanga, Associate Solicitor, Court of Protection Department, Irwin Mitchell

Thursday 9 May 2013, 10am to 2.30pm, (9.30am registration)

- An overview of the MCA and how it affects young disabled people and their parents/carers
- The role of parents/carers when a young person reaches the age of 16 or 18 (financial and decision making)
- Applying for Welfare and Financial Deputyship and the costs involved
- How mental capacity is decided, who makes the decisions and can it be challenged
- Young disabled people in residential care or supported living
- Health, sexuality and personal care and the MCA

This seminar includes the opportunity for a free five minute individual consultation with Alex Rook to establish if you need further legal advice. A limited number of consultation sessions will be offered, these can be booked at the registration desk on the day of the event on a first-come, first-served basis

Further education, the Learning Difficulty Assessment (LDA) and vocational opportunities

Michael Charles, Partner at Sinclair's Law

Tuesday 21 May 2013, 10am to 2.30pm, (9.30am registration)

- Legal entitlement to further education for young people leaving school, including residential and a 24 hour curriculum
- The role of Connexions
- The LDA/S139a document - how it should be completed, how it relates to the social care and health assessments and can it be challenged?
- The new assessment as proposed under the new Children and Families Bill
- Entitlement to vocational training and employment support

Health service and social care funding, health and disability issues

Luke Clements, Professor of Law at Cardiff University and author of books on social care and the law

Wednesday 19 June 2013, 10am to 2.30pm, (9.30am registration)

- NHS Continuing Care and Social Services - and an overview of the duty to assess
- How to ensure you are on the appropriate care pathway and how to appeal decisions
- Assessment and eligibility criteria - assessed need and unmet needs
- Duty/power to provide residential accommodation and practical assistance in the home
- Health Action Plans and retaining services such as Speech and Language Therapy in adulthood
- What changes are likely as a result of the Care and Support Bill?

Housing and benefits in transition

Steve Harris, Housing and Support Alliance

Wednesday 10 July 2013, 10am to 2.30pm, (9.30am registration)

- Young disabled adults - what housing entitlements do they have?
- Supported living, tenancies and housing benefits
- The link between housing and support services - making an effective transition to adult life
- The latest changes to the benefits system - how will they affect young disabled adults and their parents/carers

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All seminars will take place at

St Albans Centre, Leigh Place, Baldwins Gardens, Holborn, London EC1N 7AB

www.stalbanscentre.org

Booking information

Booking is essential, to secure your free place on a seminar follow the link below

www.ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk/page/what_we_do/training/seminars.cfm

or call 020 8815 5424 and ask for Ruth or Olivia

If you would like further information about the seminars, please email

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