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Resources – UK (and mostly England) only

Legislation

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/

Case Law

Mostly subscription only services but <u>http://www.bailii.org/</u> is free and useful if you know what you are looking for

Independent information about public services Benefits http://www.cpag.org.uk/

http://www.benefitsandwork.co.uk/

Social Care and Health

http://www.schwehroncare.co.uk/ http://www.careandhealthlaw.com/ Care Act Statutory Guidance https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/care-act-2014-statutoryguidance-for-implementation

Education (Children)

https://www.ipsea.org.uk/ http://www.ace-ed.org.uk/ (All) http://www.allfie.org.uk/

Housing

http://www.shelter.org.uk/

General

https://rightsinreality.wordpress.com/ http://disabilityrightsuk.org/ http://www.publiclawproject.org.uk/

Specific key legislation

Human Rights <u>http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1998/42/schedule/1</u> Equality Act - Discrimination <u>http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/15/contents</u> Mental Capacity Act – Being judged unable to make your own decisions <u>http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2005/9/contents</u>

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Places to take complaints/appeals/issues

Complaints process first unless very serious consequences (e.g. loss of freedom, risk to life). For advice on writing complaints see: <u>http://www.autscape.org/2009/presentations#using-complaints</u>

Then:

Ombudsman:

Local Services (inc. social care) <u>http://www.lgo.org.uk/</u>

National Services (inc. health) <u>http://www.ombudsman.org.uk/</u> Tribunals

Benefits <u>https://www.gov.uk/courts-tribunals/first-tier-tribunal-social-</u> security-and-child-support

Education (children) <u>https://www.gov.uk/courts-tribunals/first-tier-</u> tribunal-special-educational-needs-and-disability

Ultimately – Judicial Review

Overview of Judicial Review

Legal Aid: <u>https://www.gov.uk/check-legal-aid</u> Whether you can get legal aid may be affected by judgements about the importance and strength of your case as well as your financial circumstances. Discuss with a solicitor.

Find a solicitor: <u>http://solicitors.lawsociety.org.uk/</u>

Look for relevant expertise and accreditations in the area you need (which are NOT the areas most solicitors work in). Ask if they have experience in **public** *law* (in general) and the specific area you need help with e.g.

- human rights
- disability discrimination
- mental capacity
- adult social care law
- education rights