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Initiatives in Housing, Community Care, Education and Public Law

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REGULAR DROP INS 10AM TO 12PM ON TUESDAYS AT PORTSLADE LIBRARY STARTING 17TH MARCH

	TYPES OF ISSUES	
PUBLIC LAW AND JUDICIAL REVIEW	<p>Has there been an unjust decision? Has there been an unreasonable delay? Has there a breach of human rights? Is your child being discriminated against? Are they getting the provision which is in the EHCP? Is a policy fair or discriminatory? Are they getting enough support to meet their needs?</p>	
Special Educational Needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure to assess • Failure to secure provision in EHCP • Transport • Health and Social Care • Disability discrimination in schools and colleges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unlawful restraint • Seclusion • Exclusions • Part-time time-tables • Suitable Alternative Education
Children to Adult Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education for 19-25 year olds • Is there a transition plan? • Have you had a Care Assessment? • Are health and social needs met sufficiently? • Are you concerned about vulnerability/safeguarding? • Deprivation of Liberty (DOLS) • Care Assessments and Care Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is your personal budget sufficient? • Suitable housing • Defending possession orders (in cases of Anti-Social Behaviour) • Homelessness • Capacity and the Court of Protection

We also provide private client fees for representation at SEND tribunals

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HOW WE WORK

- Referrals – If you think ‘That doesn’t feel right’ – ‘Surely that can’t be right’ – then refer or talk to us. We can let you know if it falls within scope for legal aid or if we can help you as a private client
- We can attend regular drop ins
- We offer training in SEND, and Community Care law

OUR APPROACH

- Initial Client meeting
- Client brings evidence of means (benefit letter and bank statements)
- Discussion of key issues/concerns
- Letter to the Public Body, School, College setting out the claim
- Proceed to instruct a Barrister to advise on the merits of the case for Judicial Review in the High Court
- Settle the claim

Legally aided clients (generally those on a passporting benefit such as UC or ESA – income related) are entitled to free legal help. Go to the following link to check if you are eligible. <http://civil-eligibility-calculator.justice.gov.uk/>