

Community Care Law and Local Authority Handbook

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FOREWORD TO THE THIRD EDITION

For one work to attempt to describe the detail of the law and practice relating to disabled and vulnerable adults and children, mental health, community care, health and social care, capacity, accommodation and finance is a very significant endeavour. The authors have brought to this work both significant professional experience and an admirable dedication. The result is a work of scholarly detail, analytical erudition and practical application that is a real pleasure to use. Both lawyers and social and health care professionals will find this updated handbook an invaluable reference tool, a tutorial that sets out first principles but then develops the detail necessary for even the most complex problems and a step-by-step guide to the concepts that need to be considered.

With the extensive developments that have taken place since the commencement of the Mental Capacity Act 2005 and the Rules and Guidance that accompany it, and the commencement of the Care Act 2014, there could not have been a better time to review the law in this area. The handbook guides the reader through the up-to-date legislative concepts and principles that are the foundation of the statutory codes in each of the fields of study, giving detailed case-law examples and citations. The interrelationship between those codes and their occasional lacuna and dysfunctions are analysed and commented upon.

This third edition is a timely and admirable contribution to what has previously been too disparate a field of study and is both very welcome and necessary.

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