



# **A guide to SEND law, tribunal appeals, EHCPs & everything in between**

## **Intensive training course**

Comprehensive training for parents, carers  
and young people designed and delivered  
by specialist SEND solicitors

A person entitled to an EHCP can benefit from the support it affords up to the age of 25. Therefore, it is a legally binding document that can be in place for decades depending on when it is first issued. Because of the fundamental issues with the SEND system, the fact that an EHCP can be in place for a substantial part of an individual's life and because of its fundamental importance to a person with SEND, it is really important that parents, carers and young people have a detailed and well-rounded understanding of SEND law, EHCPs and SEND Tribunal appeals.

Aimed at parents and carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and young people with SEND, this intensive one-day course has been developed to cover everything you need to know about SEND law, EHCPs and SEND Tribunal appeals.

Part 1 of the training course provides an introduction to SEND law, how it can assist in securing additional support for a child or young person, and for those who have an EHCP, what rights parents, carers and young people have and how they can be used to make informed and positive decisions concerning a young person's or child's education.

Part 2 of the training course focuses on all things EHCPs, starting with guidance and hints and tips on how to obtain one all the way through to looking at what an EHCP should contain and effective use of annual reviews and re-assessments.

The final part of the course will consider the different types of SEND Tribunal appeals (including contents appeals and appeals against the school named in an EHCP), how to bring an appeal, the steps and stages of appeals, hints and tips on how to be successful and case law relating to the different types of appeal.

All our training sessions are delivered by specialist SEND solicitors, who practice SEND law and advise clients on SEND law, EHCPs and the SEND Tribunal process. The training relates to the law as it applies in England.

## What the training covers - a breakdown

### Part 1 – SEND law

- What is SEND law and where can I find it?
- The SEND law framework and key legal definitions
- What are the SEND law duties on local authorities?
- What are the SEND law duties on nurseries, schools and colleges?
- What is the legal process of obtaining an EHCP?
- What rights do you have if you or your child has an EHCP?

### Part 2 – EHCPs

- How to obtain an EHCP
- What should the structure of an EHCP be and what should be included in it?
- Section B of an EHCP – detailing special educational needs
- Section F of an EHCP and the requirement to detail provision in a specific and quantifiable way – legislation, guidance and case law
- Section I of an EHCP and naming a school – legislation, guidance and case law
- Education otherwise than at a school and elective home education
- Annual reviews – the legal timescales and how to get the most out of them
- Re-assessments – what are they, when should they be used and what are the benefits and potential implications?

### Part 3 – SEND Tribunal Appeals

- What are the different types of appeal?
- When can I bring an appeal at the SEND Tribunal?
- The steps and stages of the appeals process
- How to bring an appeal
- The local authority response
- Working documents
- Preparing effectively for a hearing
- Hints and tips, including for a hearing



## Suitability

Suitable for parents and carers of children with SEND and young people with SEND.



## Date and Duration

The training starts at 09:30am and finishes at 5:30pm. There will be regular breaks throughout. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions of a specialist SEND solicitor in a Q&A session run after the training from 5:30pm to 6:30 pm.



## Format

Virtual via Teams.



## Cost

£100 plus VAT and Eventbrite fee



## How to book

To book a space on this training day, please use this link:

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We will be in touch to confirm your booking.

If you have a question about the training day, please contact:

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**Important note:** This virtual training will only go ahead provided there are a sufficient number of bookings. We will provide a refund if this session is cancelled.

