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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

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## 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**

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## 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

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## 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?

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## 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](http://www.stalbanscentre.org)

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## 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](http://www.ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk/page/what_we_do/training/seminars.cfm)

or call 020 8815 5424 and ask for Ruth or Olivia

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

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