

**09.25 Welcome****Penny Latham, LLG National Lead Officer for Adult Social Care & Health****09:30 – 10:15 Transition Care Planning for 16-25 year olds  
Changing Legal Duties and Possible Challenges**

This presentation explores the evolving legal framework governing the transition from children's to adult services for young people aged 16-25 years old. We shall examine the relevant statutory duties under the Children Act 1989, the Care Act 2014 and the Child and Families Act 2014 including the obligations for care leavers particularly those with Education, Health and Care Plans ("EHCPs"). The session aims to highlight key challenges Local Authorities face including anticipatory planning, continuity of care, funding disputes and litigation risk providing practical tips to promote compliant and effective transition planning.

**Layla Cakmak, Associate Solicitor Advocate, Weightmans****Chaired by Penny Latham, LLG National Lead Officer for Adult Social Care & Health****10:15 – 10:30 Break****10:30 – 11:15 Ordinary Residence - Avoiding Pitfalls and Making  
Effective Referrals to the Secretary of State.**

This session explores frequent difficulties that arise in ordinary residence cases and how to avoid them. We will look at what makes a strong and well-evidenced referral to the Secretary of State, drawing on themes and learning from recent determinations.

**Heather Plant, Principal Associate, Capsticks****Chaired by Penny Latham, LLG National Lead Officer for Adult Social Care & Health****11:15 – 11:30 Break****11:30 – 12:15 Care Act, Housing and Immigration - Navigating the  
Legal Boundaries.**

Using recent judicial review decisions as a guide, this session demystifies the overlap between the Care Act, housing duties and immigration legislation. We will explore where responsibilities lie, how to manage cases involving 'no recourse to public funds', and strategies for avoiding unlawful gatekeeping.

**Adrian Berry KC, Garden Court Chambers**

**Chaired by Penny Latham, LLG National Lead Officer for Adult Social Care & Health**

**12:15 – 13:15          Lunch**

**13:15 – 14:00          The Price of Care: Evolving Challenges to Care Home Fees and Judicial Review in England & Wales**

The landscape of care home fee-setting in England and Wales continues to generate significant public law litigation as local authorities face unprecedented financial pressures while attempting to meet their statutory duties under the Care Act 2014. This session examines the evolving legal framework governing challenges to local authority fee decisions, exploring recent judicial review case law, and the tension between market sustainability duties and constrained budgets. With care provider insolvencies rising and disputes over fee adequacy intensifying, the session will analyse the key legal principles, strategic considerations for both local authorities and providers, and emerging trends that will shape judicial review challenges through 2026.

**Suzanne Rab, Barrister, Matrix Chambers**

**Chaired by Penny Latham, LLG National Lead Officer for Adult Social Care & Health**

**14:00 – 14:15          Break**

**14:15 – 15:00          Complex Mental Health Hospital Discharges - Legal Duties, Risk and Multi-Agency Working.**

This session provides guidance on planning safe and lawful discharges for people with complex mental health needs. We will cover capacity considerations, risk management, s117 aftercare duties, and best practice for joint working with NHS partners.

**Rebecca Blackwood, Barrister, Browne Jacobson  
Laura Thomas, Associate, Browne Jacobson**

**Chaired by Penny Latham, LLG National Lead Officer for Adult Social Care & Health**

**15:00                  Conference End**