

Adult Social Care

Legal Update | Week 4, 2026

Introduction

This weekly legal update provides practitioners with the latest developments in adult social care. It includes recent case law, news updates, key legislation references, and useful resources for legal professionals.

Focus areas: Care Act 2014, section 117 aftercare, safeguarding adults, ordinary residence, charging

This Week's Coverage

- Care Act duties
- Section 117 aftercare
- Safeguarding framework
- Ordinary residence
- Charging guidance

Recent Case Law

Administrative Court

- Wales & West Utilities Ltd, R (On the Application Of) v Competition and Markets Authority (Re...) Published: 2026-01-22
- Krishnamohan v Secretary of State for Housing, Communities And Local Government & Anor [2026]... Published: 2026-01-21
- The American Federation of Musicians of the United States And Canada & Ors, R (On the Applica...) Published: 2026-01-21
- Hurst v Solicitors Regulation Authority [2026] EWHC 85 (Admin) (20 January 2026) Published: 2026-01-20
- The Howard League for Penal Reform, R (on the application of) v The Secretary of State for Justic... Published: 2026-01-19

Court of Appeal (Civil)

- Secretary of State for Work & Pensions v NJ [2026] EWCA Civ 23 (22 January 2026) Published: 2026-01-22
- Hawes, R (On the Application Of) v London Borough of Tower Hamlets [2026] EWCA Civ 24 (22 January...) Published: 2026-01-22
- Allen v The Secretary of State for Work And Pensions [2026] EWCA Civ 19 (21 January 2026) Published: 2026-01-21
- Cloisters Business Centre Management Company Ltd v Anvari & Anor [2026] EWCA Civ 17 (21 Janua...) Published: 2026-01-21
- Bicknell & Anor v NHS Nottingham And Nottinghamshire Integrated Commissioning Board [2026] EW... Published: 2026-01-21

News & Commentary

DHSC Blog

- Resident doctor strikes: everything you need to know

Published: 2025-12-16

- How the government is tackling winter pressures

Published: 2025-10-31

- GP Contract: What you need to know

Published: 2025-09-29

- Paracetamol and pregnancy - what you need to know

Published: 2025-09-23

- What the 10 Year Health Plan means for you

Published: 2025-07-14

Key Legislation

- Care Act 2014
- Care and Support Statutory Guidance
- Mental Health Act 1983 (s.117)
- Care and Support (Charging) Regulations 2014

Useful Resources

- legislation.gov.uk - Care Act 2014
- GOV.UK - Care and Support Statutory Guidance
- SCIE - Social Care Institute for Excellence
- Skills for Care - Workforce development
- ADASS - Association of Directors of Adult Social Services

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