

SIGNPOSTING LIST

Where we are unable to act in a matter we will provide details of an appropriate alternative provider, or alternatively you can contact the Law Centres Federation on 020 7387 8570 to locate your local law centre.

Organisation	Contact Number	Legal Aid Contract
<u>Government/General Advice lines</u>		
• Civil Legal Advice	0845 345 4345	N/A
• Government Directory of Legal Aid Providers (online) https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/directory-of-legal-aid-providers		
<u>General public law</u>		
• Leigh Day	020 7650 1200	Y
• Bindmans LLP	020 7833 4433	Y
• Irwin Mitchell	0370 1500 100	Y
<u>Community care / other social welfare</u>		
• Mackintosh Law	020 7357 6464	Y
• Simpson Millar (formerly Maxwell Gillott)	0345 357 9400	Y
• Deighton Pierce Glynn	020 7407 0007	Y
• Leigh Day	020 7650 1200	Y
• Bindmans LLP	020 7833 4433	Y
<u>Housing / homelessness</u>		
• Deighton Pierce Glynn	020 7407 0007	Y
• Edwards Duthie	020 8514 9000	Y
• TV Edwards	020 3440 8000	Y
• Osbournes	020 7485 8811	Y
• Hodge Jones & Allen	020 7874 8300	Y
• Steel and Shamash	020 7803 3999	Y
<u>Education</u>		
• Simpson Millar	0345 357 9400	Y
• John Ford Solicitors	020 8800 6464	Y
<u>Mental health</u>		
• Mackintosh Law	020 7357 6464	Y
• Bindmans LLP	020 7833 4433	Y
<u>Civil liberties / police</u>		
• Hickman & Rose	020 7702 5331	Y
• Bhatt Murphy	020 7729 1115	Y
• Hodge Jones & Allen	020 7874 8300	Y
• Birnberg Pierce & Partners	020 7911 0166	Y
• Bindmans LLP	020 7833 4433	Y
• Leigh Day	020 7650 1200	Y
<u>Immigration</u>		

• Birnberg Pierce & Partners	020 7911 0166	Y
• Luqmani Thompson & Partners	020 8365 7800	Y (Asylum only)
• Bindmans LLP	020 7833 4433	Y
• Asylum Aid	020 7354 9264	Y (Asylum only)
• Elder Rahimi	0207 377 6600	Y
• Lawrence Lupin	020 8733 7200	Y
• Greater Manchester Immigration Aid Unit	0161 740 7722	Y
• TRP Solicitors (Birmingham)	0121 616 4700	Y
• Wilsons LLP (London)	020 8808 7535	Y
• Turpin and Miller	01865 770 111	Y
<u>Injury</u>		
• Levenes	0800 048 2355	N
• Leigh Day	020 7650 1200	N

General Advice

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gov.uk Legal Aid Providers <p>Directory of legal aid providers in the following areas:</p> <p>Actions against the police Clinical negligence Community care Crime Debt Family Housing Immigration asylum Mediation Mental health Prison law Public law Welfare benefits</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Updated monthly)</p>	<p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/directory-of-legal-aid-providers</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alpha (gov.uk) <p>Locate a legal adviser or family mediator with a legal aid contract in England and Wales.</p>	<p>https://find-legal-advice.justice.gov.uk/</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizens Advice Bureau <p>A network of local bureaus that help people to resolve their legal, financial and other problems by providing free, independent and confidential advice.</p>	<p>www.citizensadvice.org.uk</p> <p>03444 111 444 (England) 03444 77 20 20 (Wales)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice Local <p>Search engine providing tailored information for your area (including details of independent advice organisations) on the following topics:</p> <p>Disability and social care Asylum and immigration Welfare benefits and tax credits Council tax Housing and homelessness Employment and work issues</p>	<p>https://advice.local.uk/</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn2US <p>A network of organisations assisting with a variation of topics. To locate an advice service visit the Turn2US website, click the About Us tab, select Contact Us and then Find an Adviser in my Area. You will be asked to input your postcode to find local services covering</p>	<p>www.turn2us.org.uk</p> <p>0808 802 2000</p>

Benefits Debt Domestic Violence Housing Immigration Mental Health	Bereavement Disability Foodbanks Homelessness Legal Issues Work	
Benefits and Entitlements		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GOV.UK Anonymously find out what benefits you could be receiving, how much you could get and how to claim using the Benefits Adviser. Visit gov.uk, click on the Benefits tab then select Benefits entitlement to take you to the link for Benefits Adviser. Families with children can also check if they qualify for tax credit, and manage child benefits online. 		www.gov.uk
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn2Us A charitable service which helps people gain access to money available to them, through welfare benefits, grants and more. You can also use the Benefits calculator on their website under the Find Benefits & Grants tab. 		www.turn2us.org.uk 0808 802 2000
Family Rights		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gingerbread A national charity which provides advice and practical support for single parents. 		www.gingerbread.org.uk 0808 802 0925
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Rights Group A charity that advises families whose children are involved with, or need children's services because of welfare needs or concerns. They also provide advice for family/friend carers, including grandparents who are raising children who cannot live at home. 		www.frg.org.uk 0808 801 0366
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact a Family The only national charity that exists to support the families of disabled children whatever their condition or disability. 		www.cafamily.org.uk 0808 808 3555
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working Families A charity which gives parents/carers advice on employment rights such as maternity and paternity leave, maternity and pregnancy 		www.workingfamilies.org.uk 0300 012 0312

<p>discrimination, rights to time off in an emergency, and parental leave, as well as helping to negotiate flexible hours with employers.</p> <p>They also give basic advice on the benefits and tax credits that working parents can claim.</p>							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coram Children’s Legal Centre A charity providing free legal information, advice and representation to children, young people, their families, carers and professionals, as well as international consultancy on child law and children’s rights. 	<p>http://www.coram.org.uk</p> <p>020 7520 0300</p>						
Housing							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelter Providing housing support and advice. You can find advice on the following topics online under the Get Advice <table border="0" data-bbox="140 974 638 1086"> <tr> <td>Homelessness</td> <td>Eviction</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Paying for a home</td> <td>Debt/ arrears</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Housing benefit</td> <td>Repossession</td> </tr> </table> <p>You can also locate your local Shelter Outreach agency for face to face advice.</p>	Homelessness	Eviction	Paying for a home	Debt/ arrears	Housing benefit	Repossession	<p>www.shelter.org.uk</p> <p>0808 800 4444</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Pavement Providing advice online tailored to a homeless readership. Advice and service information available for an extensive range of topics via the Services tab. 	<p>www.thepavement.org.uk</p> <p>(No helpline available)</p>						
Elderly							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent Age An information and advice service for the elderly, their families and carers; focusing on social care, welfare benefits and befriending services. They also have a useful list of contacts for a range of issues pertaining to the elderly which, can be seen by clicking the Advice tab and then clicking Links to Other Sources of Help. 	<p>www.independentage.org</p> <p>0800 319 6789</p>						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age UK Advice covering the following areas <table border="0" data-bbox="140 1904 638 2016"> <tr> <td>Money</td> <td>Health/ Well-being</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Home</td> <td>Travel/ Lifestyle</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Care</td> <td>Work/Learning</td> </tr> </table>	Money	Health/ Well-being	Home	Travel/ Lifestyle	Care	Work/Learning	<p>www.ageuk.org.uk</p> <p>0800 169 6565</p>
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Disabilities

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disability Law Service <p>Free advice and information for the following areas of law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disability Discrimination MS Services Disability Discrimination Community Care Employment & Welfare Benefits <p>Their website provides downloadable factsheets in both written and audio form.</p>	<p>www.dls.org.uk</p> <p>0207 791 9800</p>								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disability Rights UK <p>Their website includes factsheets on rights and entitlements, challenging benefit decisions and quick claim guides.</p>	<p>www.disabilityrightsuk.org</p> <p>(No helpline available)</p>								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DIAL <p>Disability Information and Advice Line (DIAL) is formed by a national network of local advice centres for people with disabilities.</p>	<p>www.dialuk.info</p> <p>01302 310 123</p>								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scope <p>The charity works with disabled people and their families to offer practical support – from information services to education and everyday care. Visit the website for information issues with Education, Money and Work, Leisure, Communication and Families and Parenting. You can also locate local community services.</p>	<p>www.scope.org.uk</p> <p>0808 800 3333</p>								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact a Family <p>The only national charity that exists to support the families of disabled children whatever their condition or disability.</p>	<p>www.cafamily.org.uk</p> <p>0808 808 3555</p>								
<h3>Mental Health Services and Care</h3>									
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mind <p>Information and advice on topics relating to mental health including</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Diagnoses/Conditions</td> <td>Treatments</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mental Health Statistics</td> <td>Environment</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Support/Social Care</td> <td>Society</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Communities/Social Groups</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Diagnoses/Conditions	Treatments	Mental Health Statistics	Environment	Support/Social Care	Society	Communities/Social Groups		<p>www.mind.org.uk</p> <p>0300 123 3393 (Information line) 0300 466 6463 (Legal Advice line)</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Samaritans 	<p>www.samaritans.org</p>								

Offering a safe place to talk at any time about whatever is getting to you.	116 123
Debt	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Money Advice Service <p>Support over the phone, or online advice and downloadable guides to help improve your finances. The website also includes useful tools such as</p> <p>Money Health Check Budget Planner Pension Calculator Mortgage Calculator</p>	<p>www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk</p> <p>0300 500 5000 (Advice Line) 0333 321 3434 (Appointments)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Debt Line <p>Provides free confidential and independent advice on how to deal with debt problems.</p>	<p>www.nationaldebtline.co.uk</p> <p>0808 808 4000</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Step Change <p>Offering expert, tailored advice and practical solutions to problem debt. Their services include</p> <p>Debt Management Plan Debt Advice Bankruptcy Advice Individual Voluntary Arrangement Debt Relief Order Equity Release and Mortgages Debt Arrangement Scheme Protected Trust Deed Minimal Assets Process Sequestration Bankruptcy</p>	<p>www.stepchange.org</p> <p>0800 138 1111</p>
Immigration	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants <p>Provides free and confidential legal advice by phone or appointment. Call between 10am and 1pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays for advice or to book an appointment.</p>	<p>www.icwi.org.uk</p> <p>0207 553 7470 (Advice Line) 020 7251 8708 (Appointments)</p>
Community Care	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent Age <p>An information and advice service for the elderly, their families and carers; focusing on social care, welfare benefits and befriending services. They also have a</p>	<p>www.independentage.org</p> <p>0800 319 6789</p>

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