

## Advice on Public Law

Are you looking for information or advice on public law? This includes any challenge to a public authority on public law grounds, whether by litigation or complaint, and covers all judicial review litigation and complaints to public authorities and ombudsmen. Types of case include: homelessness cases; cases concerning unlawful detention; planning cases; community funding; issues about public consultation; discrimination; welfare provision for people from abroad; litigation and complaints concerning government services, both local and national.

A good first place to start if you need information is [www.adviceguide.org.uk](http://www.adviceguide.org.uk)

This is the National Citizens Advice website and has useful downloadable fact sheets.

If you can't find the information you need online, advice centres are places where you can get advice, information and guidance on your legal rights, entitlements and responsibilities. Some of these have drop-in sessions and/or telephone advice lines; others provide specialist legal services, and can only take on cases by referral from other agencies.

All the advice agencies in the Southwark Legal Advice Network (SLAN) listed below have been accredited with the CLS Quality Mark, which means that they meet the quality standards set by the Legal Services Commission.

### Legal Advice Centres in Southwark Offering Specialist Advice on Public Law

You should use a specialist help provider when you want someone to advise you on a complex legal problem and carry out the full range of legal services, including representation. Legal aid helps people who cannot afford representation, as long as they meet certain conditions. Specialist help providers are typically solicitors and Law Centres, and can offer the following services:

- offer advice and legal help on complex matters in specific areas of law; and
- represent you in court, where this is permitted.

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