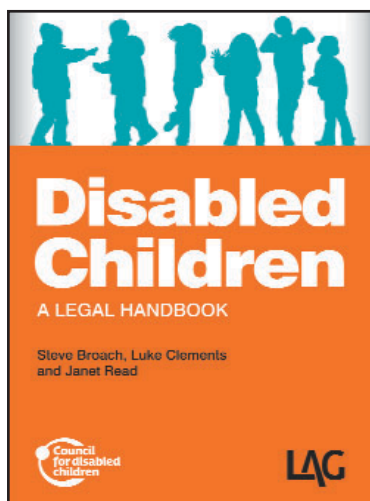


Disabled Children: a legal handbook

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'Our aim in writing this book is to provide an up-to-date legal guide which can make a contribution towards safeguarding the rights and furthering the interests of disabled children and those close to them.'

From the Introduction

An authoritative, yet accessible, guide to the legal rights of disabled children and their families in England and Wales. The authors expertly navigate the many, often overlapping, sources of law, explaining the difference between what public bodies must do to support disabled children and that which they may do.

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Disabled children and their families have the same human rights as others, including the right to live 'ordinary lives'. The law in relation to disabled children is complex and frequently misunderstood by those who have duties and responsibilities towards them. Many families also lack essential information about legal matters which substantially affect their lives and about the ways the law might be used to assist them.

This handbook clearly sets out the law in key areas, in particular children's social care services, education and health care. It includes a summary of the key provisions of the Equality Act 2010, which are newly in force.

Disabled children: a legal handbook aims to empower disabled children and their families through a greater understanding of their rights and entitlements. It is essential reading for the families of disabled children, their advocates and lawyers, voluntary and statutory sector advisers, commissioners, managers and lawyers working for public authorities, education, social and health care professionals, students and academics.

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