



TRAINING IN PUBLIC LAW FOR MONEY AND DEBT ADVISERS

The aim of this training is to help money and debt advisers spot cases where public law remedies could assist their clients in protecting their homes, maximising their income and/or reducing their debts. We also hope to develop advisers' skills in bringing such cases themselves.

Public law is the legal framework which governs the exercise of power by public bodies (such as the DWP and local authorities). It provides minimum benchmark standards for the administration and provision of public services and for the processes of decision-making. We have a broad range of experience in challenging decisions which affect clients that your member organisations currently work with, including, for example, the provision of NI numbers, delays in benefit decision-making, discretionary housing payments, bailiffs' powers and so on. We are also experienced in using solutions other than court proceedings and will look at these as part of the course.

The training will feature:

- practical examples to work through;
- advice and help on specific problems advisers are experiencing with local public bodies;
- tips on how to spot cases and what to do next;
- which forum to bring the case in (e.g. the courts, Ombudsman, complaints procedure);
- draft letters for you to use in future cases provided on disc;
- a copy of our judicial review booklet "Is it lawful?" for each participant;
- details of ongoing support available from our legal team.

If you are interested in booking a day's training, please contact Hannah Jones:
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