

Carers' rights in a changing world:
The Law relating to Carers

Presentation by Professor Luke Clements

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10.00am to 4.00pm (9.30 am for Registration, Tea/Coffee)

Dorking Halls, Reigate Road Dorking

This free event is organised by Surrey County Council in partnership with Action for Carers (Surrey). At a time of major change, it has never been more important to keep up to date – so do take this opportunity to refresh your knowledge. Alternatively for newer staff, this is an excellent opportunity to improve your knowledge about carers' rights.

The Carers (Equal Opportunities) Act 2004 brought important new rights for Carers. It added to the maze of Community Care and Children's legislation and regulations relating to Carers. For the first time, there became a legal obligation to consider carers own needs as well as support needed to help carers continue to care. Luke will provide participants with an over view of carers rights, taking account of recent changes in legislation and case law.

He will also explain how:

- The law supports policy around "whole family assessment".
- Eligibility Criteria fit with Personalisation (including new case law)
- Increasing use of preventative services fit with statutory services.
- Health and multi agency care pathways link to carers assessments
- The Law Commission's proposals may change things
- And answer your questions about the law and carers

Luke Clements is widely recognised as the leading authority on community care law. He is Professor of Law at Cardiff University of Wales. Luke is also legal adviser to Carers UK and drafted the Carers (Recognition and Services) Bill and Carers (Equal Opportunities) Bill.

Refreshments and lunch are provided. To book a place, simply Email Training@actionforcarers.org.uk

