

15. LEGAL MATTERS

It is generally advisable to consult a solicitor if you are concerned about any legal matters -they are listed in the Yellow Pages. If you are not sure whether a solicitor is necessary or you do not know how to find one contact your local Citizens Advice Bureau. (see section I – Advice and Information).

DISABILITY LAW SERVICE (DLS)

www.dls.org.uk

DLS offers confidential, free advice to disabled people, their families, carers and advocates in understanding their legal rights in respect of employment, discrimination, community care, education, welfare benefits and consumer.

LEGAL SERVICES COMMISSION

www.legalservices.gov.uk

www.clsdirect.org.uk

The Legal Services Commission (LSC) looks after legal aid in England and Wales. They also make sure that people get the information, advice and legal help they need to deal with a wide range of problems. If you qualify for legal aid, you can get free advice about benefits, tax credits, housing, employment, education or debt problems. You can also find quality local advice services for other types of problems and order legal information leaflets.

SOLICITORS FOR THE ELDERLY

www.solicitorsfortheelderly.com

Solicitors for the Elderly (SFE) is a national organisation of lawyers, such as solicitors, barristers, and legal executives who are committed to providing and promoting robust, comprehensive and independent legal advice for older people and vulnerable people and their family and carers.