

Court craft and legal literacy



Legal literacy is the ability to connect relevant legal rules with professional priorities and objectives of ethical practice.

This selection of legal literacy resources will support practitioners, supervisors and strategic leaders to feel confident in their legal literacy knowledge and in their decision-making.



Read

Case Law and Legal Summaries: These provide a monthly overview and analysis of selected cases, highlighting implications for social care practice.

Quick read: [Supporting your CPD with case law and legal summaries \(2023\)](#)

Quick read: [Liberty Protection Safeguards: What are the implications of the delay? \(2023\)](#)

Longer read: [The inherent jurisdiction of the High Court: Practice Guidance \(2020\)](#)

Various resources: [Good decision-making in adult social care: Change Project Resources \(2025\)](#)



Watch

1 hour: [Exploring complexity: mental capacity assessment \(2021\)](#)

12 minutes: [The importance of legal literacy in adult social care: the origins and concept of legal literacy \(2023\)](#)

30 minutes: [The Liberty Protection Safeguards - where next?: Video learning resources \(2023\)](#)



Tools

[Legal Literacy Change Project: Organisational Tools and Supervision Work Plan \(2021\)](#)

[Supporting good court craft: Practice Tool \(2019\)](#)

[Mental Capacity Act 2005 decision-making – care, support and treatment: Practice Tool \(2021\)](#)

[Navigating Complex Capacity Decisions in Social Care: Practice Guides and Tools \(2025\)](#)



Listen

40 minutes: [The Good Assessment Handbook \(2022\)](#)

47 minutes: [Using case law in social care practice \(2023\)](#)



Reflect

Reflect on and record your CPD using the button on each resource page. You can also bookmark and share resources with colleagues. Log and review your reflections in 'Your CPD'.

For more resources, explore the [legal literacy topic page](#) and the [Legal Literacy: Change Project](#).