

Care Proceedings

Parental Responsibility Rights

Parental Responsibility is the law's way of defining the responsibility and rights that parents have to their child. Both married mums and dads have Parental Responsibility. Effectively, parental responsibility provides the holder the right to be involved in the day-to-day management of the child's life, including education and welfare.



What are care proceedings?

The Social Services may tell you that they are going to start care proceedings. If they don't, you will find out when you receive a notice from the court telling you when your first care proceeding is and where it will be held.

We have a highly experienced team of solicitors working in family law, with numerous cases involving children and matters regarding the Social Services, so we're with you every step of the way.

How do care proceedings work?

Generally, we represent parents in care proceedings but sometimes we represent grandparents or foster parents. Our approach is to focus on the welfare of the child and to help you understand how the courts make decisions in these types of cases.

Even if you believe you can handle the situation, we cannot stress how important it is to seek advice from specialist family lawyers. Circumstances can change quickly and the local authorities and Social Services can apply to the court to overrule you as a carer for your child. This would only happen on the grounds that they believe the child is at risk of harm in their current home; however, the family courts do not take risks and may give power to the local authority even if it is a provisional basis.

Our specialist team is here to represent and support you throughout this difficult process.

Care Proceeding Experts

Several of our solicitors are on the Law Society's Children Panel. Only solicitors who meet the Law Society's demanding accreditation requirements are permitted to join the Children Panel and represent children in public law care proceedings. Skills, knowledge and experience are rigorously and independently assessed in order to achieve this accreditation status. We can provide you with expert support and guidance throughout the entire proceedings process.

Professional, compassionate, reliable and affordable

Our dedicated, highly experienced care team are ranked in the UK Legal 500 for their expertise in care proceedings. In terms of funding for care work, although strict eligibility rules now apply to legal aid for family law issues within the UK, Care Proceedings are classed differently and legal aid is more widely available. Once proceedings have been issued, legal aid is available for all parents of subject children. For every other situation, and for everyone one else (e.g. Grandparents), legal aid can be available but it will be subject to eligibility tests.



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