

CARERS' GUIDE TO PHYSICAL INTERVENTIONS AND THE LAW: INFORMATION AND ADVICE FOR PARENTS, CARERS AND CARE WORKERS SUPPORTING CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

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This is a very useful short book giving a clear summary of the law relating to the use of physical interventions by carers. It follows on from and is a companion to the much larger publication *Physical Interventions and the Law* from the same authors. However, whereas the main publication covers both English and Scots Law, this text covers only the English Law relating to carers. This seems to be a pity. The authors suggest that to cover law relating to other parts of the UK would have made the text too long, but one imagines that the book could have been divided into distinct parts, allowing carers to quickly establish which part applied to them.

I am not sure that highlighting in small print in the preface the fact that the book only covers English Law is sufficient. For clarity the book should be called *Carers' Guide to Physical Interventions and the Law in England and Wales*.

The book offers information and advice to parents, carers and care workers and covers the law relating to children, young people and adults. It addresses the essen-

tial areas of employer's liability, criminal and civil wrongs and human rights. It also uses case studies which are very helpful to illustrate application of the law. The information is presented in a clear and concise way and is easy to read.

Accessible legal information is never easy to find, so it is pleasing to see a publication such as this. Its use in Scotland will be very limited, however, since most of the law is quite different.

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