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Special Educational Needs (SEN) and EHCP issues in the Court of Protection

Speakers:

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Avril's and Ryan's practices span both Court of Protection and Special Educational Needs and Disability law. They are often instructed in cases before the CoP for children and young people that have a SEND/EHCP component and regularly advise families, litigation friends and other parties on the overlap of these two areas of practice.

They will be discussing SEND and EHCP issues that come up in Court of Protection cases, and aiming to give practitioners some key points to look for:

- Timescales for seeking an assessment to obtain an EHCP, review procedure, and appeal of local authority decisions regarding the EHCP;
- SEND case law on when a young person may likely be finished with education and training and transitioning to social care support;
- Court of Protection case law on capacity to make decisions regarding education and SEND case law on capacity issues in the SEND Tribunal (such as *MM v R Borough of Greenwich*) and appointment of alternative person to bring an appeal on P's behalf
- How the Court of Protection can play a role when SEND/EHCP issues arise in welfare cases

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Venue:

Irwin Mitchell LLP

One St Peter's Square

Manchester M2 3AF

Timings:

5pm - 7pm

Cost:

Free to Members

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