

Homeless young people – rights, wrongs and choices



Freshfields/Shelter Children's Legal Service conference

Monday, 12 March 2012, 1.30pm–5.15pm

**Venue: The Conference Centre, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP,
Northcliffe House, 28 Tudor Street, London EC4Y 0AY
(on the corner of Tudor Street and Bouverie Street)**



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This conference will explore good and bad practice in dealing with 16- to 17-year-old young people and the need for a consistent approach across local authority Housing and Children's Services.

Key topics for discussion are:

- Homeless young people – whose responsibility?
- What are the roles of Children's Services and Housing?
- Are local authorities responding in a co-ordinated manner?
- What are the emerging trends from the perspective of the homeless young person?
- What is the Government's approach to the national picture of youth homelessness?
- What legal issues should advisers be aware of?
- What have the courts said and what more can be done to ensure a proper response?
- What is the role of the Local Government Ombudsman in dealing with complaints?

This conference is designed for:

- youth professionals
- lawyers
- key workers
- staff advising young people.

To attend this FREE conference, please complete the delegate registration form (overleaf) and return to:

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Programme

1.30pm	Patrick Swain, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP	Introduction
1.40pm	Campbell Robb, Chief Executive, Shelter	The challenge of youth homelessness
1.55pm	Jamie Presland, Barrister, 1 Pump Court	The legal background
2.30pm	Anna Whalen, Specialist Adviser on Youth Homelessness to the DCLG	Positive pathways to adulthood
3–3.20pm	BREAK	
3.20pm	National Youth Reference Group	Getting it right for young people: youth homelessness from the perspective of the young person
3.50pm	St. Christopher's Fellowship/Shelter Children's Legal Service	'Your future, your choices': a short film about the housing options for homeless young people
4pm	Mandy Wilkins, Young People's Programme Manager, Law Centres Federation	Looking behind the guidance – interim findings from Freedom of Information Act requests for Joint Working Protocols
4.15pm	Anne Seex, Local Government Ombudsman	Rights and wrongs – how the Ombudsman decides
4.45–5.15pm	Panel discussion	

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