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Gerard is the Head of Health and Life Sciences and a partner in the firm, specialising in advising organisations in the health sector on their public law obligations and issues. His work covers interpreting statute, supporting system re-organisations, advising on governance, supporting health regulators, providing advice on information law matters and, when necessary, defending challenges to decisions made. He is also recognised as a lead inquiries lawyer for health public bodies.

Gerard is a public law partner and is recognised by the NHS, Chambers and Legal 500 as one of the leading experts on public law issues, especially relating to governance, service reconfiguration, inquiries, information law, devolution and ICS development, for health organisations in the country. Chambers states that - He is described by clients as the "perfect combination of really knowledgeable but also really personable." Sources note that "he is very approachable, understands the issues well, provides sound advice and listens to what you want. He gives you a considered, measured response."

Gerard provides clients with specialist public law input on all functions and powers, his expertise is unmatched. This is apparent as he is now sought to support countries outside Europe to develop the legal framework for their health systems.

Expertise

Criminal compliance and regulatory

Dispute resolution and litigation

Health and social care disputes

Health law

Information law

Public law

Featured experience

Judicial Review

Successfully defending NHS England from a claim based on the CHC National Framework by a national campaigner.

Continuing Healthcare

Advising multiple clients on the Discharge to Assess process and the interactions with LAs when determining entitlement. Supporting work on developing 'Who Pays?'

Covid support

Working with a number of public and private sector clients facing delivery pressures during the pandemic and finding solutions to enable continuity of delivery.

Drafting legislation

Supporting the development of new laws for a region in the Middle East developing a new health system.

Testimonials

"Gerard Hanraty has pulled a really strong team of like-minded experts together, able to team well and provide execution service to current, prospective and wider sector players in the public and private sectors. Their clients genuinely like working with this team."

Legal 500 2025,

"Gerard knows his stuff and he is a source of significant knowledge."

Chambers 2025,