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Chris is a highly regarded and experienced partner and solicitor advocate within our leading health and social care inquest and advisory team. He has worked inhouse and with organisations nationally to consistently deliver on their priorities.

Chris is a solicitor advocate and regularly appears for health and social care client in Coroners' courts across the country. He has extensive experience of working for many years in acute NHS, mental health and independent sector in-house legal teams. He conducts his own advocacy, trusted to support staff through the inquest process with straight forward and accessible advice. He also has an excellent track record of advising on strategy, reputational risks and delivering effective learning.

Chris also has a diverse advisory practice, specialising in mental capacity, mental health, risk management and safeguarding advice. He regularly appears in the Court of Protection specialising in complex serious medical treatment cases often requiring urgent applications to court. He has delivered training nationally on the implementation of Liberty Protection Safeguards.

Chris has worked extensively inhouse at large acute, mental health and independent sector organisations and therefore has a detailed insight into what clients need and want from their legal support. He sits on a large NHS Trust ethics committee and during Covid-19 helped deliver early advice on the country's response to the pandemic.

Expertise

Access, funding and continuing healthcare

Deprivation of liberty

Emergency advice 24 hour lawyer hotline for clients

Inquests

Investigations and inquiries

Medical treatment in health

Safety and learning in healthcare

Social care services

Featured experience

High profile inquest

Representing a large NHS Trust in relation to a highly complex inquest into the death of a newborn.

Jury Inquest

Representing an independent sector client at 2 week jury inquest concerning prison healthcare.

Serious Medical Treatment

Representing acute and mental health Trusts in an urgent application to the Court of Protection concerning safe delivery of maternity care

Jury Inquest

Representing a large commissioning organisation during a jury inquest into the death of a detained patient.

Testimonials

"On the day he was very professional, easy to work with and ensured we communicated risks as they occurred... In the adjournment prior to the outcome being delivered he again adapted his level of communication... this was a difficult situation with clashes between the family, grieving mother, staff member, two managers, other witnesses etc... I appreciate working with such great people and have high standards"

Associate Director, NHS Trust,

"You have made me feel calm and you gave me the confidence to realise that I had the ability to carry out what was required. You have worked so hard too, I am in awe of your expertise and knowledge and although the High Court was a daunting prospect, I am pleased to have experienced it."

Safeguarding lead, NHS Trust,

"The support we received was first class at every stage and helped us deal with the complexities arising from a very tragic case."

Vice CEO, Trust Academy,

"Having you on board makes life a lot better."

Head of Legal Services, NHS Trust,

