

# Managing the Mental Health Act during the Covid-19 Pandemic

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This webinar will explore the content and application of the guidance particularly for example in relation to the use of remote technology.


We will also consider some of the relevant recent case law including:

- BP v Surrey County Council & Anor [2020] EWCOP 17
- A Healthcare B NHS Trust v CC [2020] EWHC 574 (Fam)
- VE v AO & Ors [2020] EWCOP 23

Lastly, we will provide a brief overview of the Coronavirus Act 2020 – Schedule 8 makes amendments to the Mental Health Act (NOT YET IN FORCE AT THE TIME OF THIS INVITE)

The webinar will be chaired by Mark Barnett, Partner at Browne Jacobson with contributions from Becky Fitzpatrick, Partner at Browne Jacobson and Ed Pollard, Senior Associate at Browne Jacobson.

Please feel free to send in any questions you may have in advance.



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