

# 'Problem solving': accessing decent services and support for children with complex needs and their families

## Tuesday 7 October 2014, 09.30-16.00 Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London, W1G 0AE.

A one day conference providing academics, practitioners, educators and carers with up to date, evidence-based information on the commonly encountered barriers experienced by disabled children and their families in accessing their legal rights and practical approaches to breaking these barriers down.

### **Programme**

09:30 - 10.00	Registration and coffee	
Session 1: Common Problems Faced by Families of Disabled Children		
Chair: Sir Deian Hopkin		
10.00 - 10.10	Welcome from – <b>Professor Sir Deian Hopkin</b> – Cerebra Patron	
10.10 - 10.30	<b>Prof Chris Oliver</b> : Meeting the needs of children with severe intellectual disability: From response to strategy	
10.30 - 10.50	<b>Prof Richard Hastings</b> : Parents' and service users' experiences of challenging behaviour services	
10.50 - 11.20	<b>Prof Janet Read</b> and <b>Dr Clare Blackburn</b> : Socio-economic influences on outcomes for disabled children	
11.20 - 11.40	Alison Thompson: Accessing Services: the view from a parent	
11.40 - 12.00	Question and answer session	
12.00 - 13.15	Lunch	
Session 2: Moving Forward		
Chair: Sir Deian Hopkin		
13:15 - 13:45	<b>Dr Maggie Atkinson</b> , Children's Commissioner for England: 'We want to help people see things our way'	
13:45 -14:15	<b>Nigel Ellis</b> , Executive Director, Local Government Ombudsman: What works in resolving commonly occurring problems experienced by disabled children and their families in accessing their rights to health, social care and education	
14:15 - 14:45	Question and answer session	
14:45 - 15.05	Tea and Coffee break	

Session 3: Problem Solving	
Chair: Sir Deian Hopkin	
15.05 - 15.25	<b>Polly Sweeney</b> , Associate Solicitor, Public Law Department, Irwin Mitchell: Educational, Health and Care Plans: legal rights of disabled children under the Children and Families Act 2014
15.25 - 15:45	<b>Professor Luke Clements</b> : Helping Families to Access their Legal Rights
15:45 - 16:10	Question and answer session
16.10 - 16.20	Closing remarks
16:25	Finish

Conference registration can be made via the 'What;'s On' section of the Cerebra website: www.cerebra.org.uk

Conference Costs:

Early bird deal:

Book and pay in full before 18th July for just £99.

Full price: £130 for delegates who book after this date.

#### Family places:

We are offering 50 places at a cost of £15 available to parents/carers of a child with a neurological condition, or young people themselves who have a neurological condition. Places are limited to 2 per household and are available on a first come, first served basis.

#### Interested?

To book or for more information contact Rachel Shailer at rachels@cerebra.org.uk or call 01267 244225.









