



# **Kinship Carers Liverpool**

## **Legal Advice - A Guide for Kinship Carers**

We strongly recommend you access independent legal advice at the earliest possible stage in your kinship journey

## Q. Where can I get some specialist support about my kinship family legal situation?

A. Kinship Carers Liverpool has been working with some family law solicitors locally to establish the Kinship Legal Advice Network. The aim is to work to build up expertise of the legal advice sector in the city around kinship legal orders and the challenges around this.

**Liverpool Kinship Legal Advice Network: Solicitors' Listing:** one of the resources we have developed for prospective or current Kinship Carers is a listing of those solicitors who have an expertise in this area of family law. You can download this on our website: [www.liverpoolkinshipcarers.co.uk](http://www.liverpoolkinshipcarers.co.uk) or contact us if you would like us to send you a copy.

## Q. Which other legal advice services can I access?

A. Law Clinics – Liverpool - we work in partnership with the two Law Clinics in the city based at the University of Liverpool and Liverpool John Moores University Law Schools. Both offer pro bono/free Family Law Legal Advice sessions and you may be able to access these if eligible. In very high demand, these services are usually term-time only are staffed by qualified solicitors volunteering their time, supported by law students.

The University of Liverpool also runs a term time advice clinic for parents or carers of a child with disabilities or long-term illness in relation to access to services and education.

**Find out more by contacting them:**

### **University of Liverpool Law Clinic**

Tel: 0151 794 5782

Email: [clinic@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:clinic@liverpool.ac.uk)

Website: [www.liverpool.ac.uk/law/liverpool-law-clinic/](http://www.liverpool.ac.uk/law/liverpool-law-clinic/)

## **Liverpool John Moores University Legal Advice Centre**

Tel: 07968422574 (voicemail)

Website: go to [www.ljmu.ac.uk](http://www.ljmu.ac.uk) and search [Legal Advice Centre](#)

## **National Kinship Advice Lines/Websites:**

### **Grandparents Plus**

Advice Line: 0300 123 7015

Website: [www.grandparentsplus.org.uk/legal-options](http://www.grandparentsplus.org.uk/legal-options)

This national charity provides a wide range of advice and support for kinship carers including legal advice and options. Its Legal Options Summary section provides an excellent starting point for anyone waiting to better understand the legal options related to kinship care.

### **Coram Children's Legal Centre – Child Law Advice Service**

Advice line: 0300 330 5480

Website: [www.childlawadvice.org.uk](http://www.childlawadvice.org.uk)

The Kinship Care Legal Options section on this website explains the law surrounding an arrangement when a child goes to live with a relative and duties of the local authority. The helpline is for advice on more complex matters and clarifying questions.

### **Family Rights Group**

Advice Line: 0808 801 0366

Website [www.frg.org.uk](http://www.frg.org.uk)

National charity provides free confidential advice to families who are involved with local authority children's services or need help from those services. It includes a detailed 'Frequently Asked Questions' section and full list of very detailed Advice Sheets.

For further information please visit [www.kinshipcarersliverpool.co.uk](http://www.kinshipcarersliverpool.co.uk) where you will find a range of further guidance, information leaflets and resources related to:

- Our Activities Programme for Kinship Carers, Kids & Families
- Legal Advice Services – Local Support
- Information & Links about Legal Orders related to Kinship Care
- Money & Benefits Advice & Links
- Early Help & Wellbeing Information
- Schools and Learning Resources & Links
- Signposting to national Kinship Websites & Guidance

**We're  
here to  
help...**

**Get in  
touch**

**Call us or drop in today and find out how we can support  
you and your family**

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