



LEGAL TRAINING 2026/2027

Session/Topic Title	Duration/Format	Date & Time	Content
MAIN TRAINING SESSIONS			
1. Fundamentals of SEND Law + inclusion bases	2 hour – substantive training	20/10/2026 14:00 – 16:00	SEND Legal Fundamentals Key/cornerstone legal principles – what is Special Educational Needs (at law); what is Special Educational Provision; what is health & social care provision/where is the boundary between SEP and health/social care provision. What does the law say about SEN(D) provision and how this should be delivered? What makes a ‘good’ EHC Plan – overview of decision-making principles/application of the framework; consideration of the formulation of an EHC Plan; multi-agency working and working with families.
2. Dispute Resolution in SEND	2 hour – substantive training	15/12/2026 14:00 – 16:00	What is a SEND tribunal appeal? What is an extended SEND tribunal appeal? What are the categories of challenge? Mediation/other disagreement resolution; and A brief overview of Judicial Review.
3. EHC Plan appeals – getting ‘Tribunal ready’ + inclusion bases	2 hour – substantive training	05/01/2027 14:00 – 16:00	Tribunal Process What do I need to know? " Providing and giving evidence ‘What type of witness am I?’



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			‘Considerations around evidence and being a witness’. Section I considerations including what can lawfully be named in Section I?
4. ‘Education Otherwise’	2 hour – substantive training	23/02/2027 14:00 – 16:00	Education Otherwise Than In School/College (‘EOTIS/C’). Section 19, Education Act 1996 Duty to make suitable education ‘otherwise’ Refusal to attend the school named on an EHC Plan. EHE.
LUNCHTIME HOT TOPIC SESSIONS			
1. ‘Parental responsibility and views, wishes, and feelings’	1 hour – ‘Hot Topic’	20/04/2027 12:00 – 13:00	Approach to the views, wishes and feelings of the child/young person and their parent(s). Differing parental voices and the role of alternative persons
2. Ceasing to maintain	1 hour – ‘Hot Topic’	04/05/2027 12:00 – 13:00	When does a LA’s responsibility to maintain an EHC Plan end?
3. Use of private reports	1 hour – ‘Hot Topic’	15/06/2027 12:00 – 13:00	Commissioning implications/interplay with health processes; Role of private reports in Tribunal appeals; Tribunal strategy.
4. SEN Transport	1 hour – ‘Hot Topic’	06/07/2027 12:00 – 13:00	