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Mark is a partner in our health advisory and litigation team. He has extensive experience in advising health and social care providers and commissioners on mental capacity and mental health law and representing NHS Trusts at complex and high-profile inquests.

Mark also advises on a wide range of other health law related issues, such as delayed transfers of care, duty of candour, confidentiality, consent to treatment and vexatious complainants. With a background in dealing with claims against mental health providers, including dealing with high profile and sensitive cases and advising on Human Rights Act allegations, Mark is noted for his in-depth knowledge of the NHS and the pragmatic and supportive way in which he approaches cases.

He frequently presents at seminars, networks, forums and webinars, as well as delivering bespoke training on the Mental Capacity Act, mental health law and inquests.

Expertise

Commissioner and integrated care systems

Health and life sciences

NHS acute trusts

NHS mental and community health trusts

Social care

Featured experience

Inherent Jurisdiction application

Application to the High Court to authorise ongoing deprivation of liberty of a 15-year-old girl in hospital and to make arrangements for discharge to an appropriate placement.

Inquest – child death

Advice and representation of a large teaching hospital NHS Trust in a high profile and sensitive inquest into the death of a young child.

Inquest – inpatient suicide

Article 2 jury inquest following inpatient suicide at a mental health Trust. Numerous Trust witnesses were called, needing extensive support as well as detailed prevention of future deaths evidence required.

Complex Court of Protection proceedings

Advising a commissioner in relation to a complex package of care required for twins and associated Court of Protection proceedings.

Testimonials

"Mark Barnett is exemplary in responding quickly and supportively to matters which may suddenly arise."

Legal 500 2022 ,

"Most of my work has been with Mark Barnett; he looks out for the client and makes helpful suggestions as to what could be offered put forward if further negotiation is required. He is extremely approachable, reliable and helpful."

Legal 500 2022 ,

"Mark Barnett delivered bespoke training for our trust – he is approachable and down to earth."

Legal 500 2021 ,

"Outstanding in their field for their skill, knowledge and overall supportiveness."

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