

Landmark Chambers' Masterclass on NHS Individual Funding Requests 13th February, 2020



David Lock QC – topic discussed today, “ Introduction to the IFR process and how it fits with CCG commissioning policies and patient rights”

David Lock was called to the Bar in 1985 and made a QC in 2011. He has appeared in the Supreme Court (most recently in July 2018), the Court of Appeal on many occasions, the High Court, the County Court, the Court of Protection, has drafted Parliamentary Bills and has advised individuals, companies and government bodies in a variety of international jurisdictions. He has vast trial experience, including cross-examining expert and lay witnesses, but also has a wide-ranging public law and appellate practice.

He sits as a Deputy High Court Judge and will become the Legal500 Public Law silk of the year for 2020.

‘ Is the ‘go-to’ person for cases requiring astute strategic advice – his knowledge of the NHS is unsurpassed: Legal500

“Absolutely outstanding. He has all the attributes of a great silk. His knowledge of the case is second to none, and his knowledge of the law is absolutely superb. His judgement is impeccable.” Chambers and Partners

David has appeared in a series of high profile administrative and public law cases, acting for public bodies and against them. David is joint editor (with [Hannah Gibbs](#)) of the leading practitioner’s book, “[NHS Law and Practice](#)” and his technical expertise as a public lawyer has been recognised by his appointment as one of the joint editors (along with David Blundell) of the leading journal “[Judicial Review](#)”.

David takes time away from practice annually to complete another leg of a charity cycle ride from England to Australia – in segments over a number of years: see www.decade2australia.org. So far he and his wife have covered about 15,000km and have got as far as Bangkok.



Leon Glenister – topic discussed today, “Learning lessons from cases where IFR decisions have been challenged – successfully and unsuccessfully”

Leon Glenister is a barrister specialising in Public Law and Planning Law.

He has a particular specialism in cases involving healthcare. His recently reported cases include the Alfie Evans litigation (*E (a Child)* [2018] EWCA Civ 550), the challenge to the NHS Accountable Care Contract (*R (999 Call for the NHS) v NHS England* [2018] EWCA Civ 2849, and the Court of Appeal challenge to the reconfiguration of services at Horton General Hospital (*Keep the Horton General v Oxfordshire CCG* [2019] EWCA Civ 646).

His broader public law expertise encompasses disputes involving education, social care,

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housing, prisons and social security. In the last 12 months he has appeared in a range of challenges in these areas including in the Supreme Court in relation to PIP entitlement (*Secretary of State for Work and Pensions v MM* [2019] UKSC 34).

He is ranked in the most recent edition of the Legal 500 as a leading junior in Administrative and Public Law, Education Law and Planning Law, described as “incredibly bright and able to get to grips with cases quickly”. He has been ranked for several years in Chambers and Partners in Education Law and Social Housing Law, in the most recent edition described as a “rising star” who is “clear, concise and cuts through excess details”.

Alongside his practice he is a tutor in Administrative Law at the University of Cambridge. He is also a contributing author to both ‘Children’s Social Care Law’ (LAG, 2018) and ‘Adult Social Care Law’ (LAG, 2019).



Hannah Gibbs – topic discussed today, “An examination of the stages of the process-governance arrangements, evidence collection, panel meetings and reasons”

Hannah specialises in public law, local government law, human rights and planning and environmental law.

Her practice has a particular emphasis on medical law and the law of the NHS. She regularly advises on NHS commissioning matters, such as individual funding requests.

She is the author and editor, along with David Lock QC, of ***NHS Law and Practice***, published by Legal Action Group. It is the first comprehensive guide to the structures and frameworks of the NHS and has been described by Sir James Munby as “*truly a ground-breaking book*” which “*no one who needs to understand NHS law could afford to be without*”.

She is currently instructed as junior counsel to David Lock QC to represent a large group of core participants in the Infected Blood Inquiry (the biggest statutory public inquiry ever) into the contaminated blood scandal of the 1970s and 80s.

She also teaches Medical Law at the London School of Economics, dealing with various legal and ethical matters such as medical malpractice, health resource allocation, mental capacity, mental health, informed consent, the regulation of medicines and clinical trials, confidentiality, organ donation, abortion, assisted dying, fertility treatment and genome editing.

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