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**FOR SOCIAL  
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Understanding law, understanding you

## Our approach

It's important you understand how we work. By appointing us, we'll take on your cases including:

- your outsourced cases from start to finish;
- your outsourced cases during your busy periods;
- your exceptionally demanding outsourced cases;
- ad hoc advice to Independent Reviewing Officers; and
- your outsourced cases, on an advocacy-only basis.

We'll also provide training and redaction services.



## Leading provider

of outsourced legal services to Welsh local authority adult and children's social services teams.

## Why Hugh James?

Our dedicated adult and children social services team includes practitioners of all levels of experience from Queen's Council to paralegal and everything in between.

The team includes individuals who have experience of working in-house at local authorities. We only act for local authorities in adult and children social services cases.

We regularly handle cases of the utmost gravity and complexity, including those featuring very serious injury, sexual abuse, deprivation of liberty, female genital mutilation (FGM), forced marriage protection and complex jurisdictional and international issues.

We are also very experienced in handling high volumes of cases and in dealing with urgent cases. By delegating to different levels within the team, we are able to provide a cost effective solution.

Work can be easily appointed through the National Procurement Service (NPS) Legal Services Framework offering our clients a legal and compliant way of instructing us.

To discuss how your organisation can easily appoint or instruct Hugh James, get in touch:

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# Children's Social Services

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We undertake all forms of public law Children Act work from initial advice to representation throughout proceedings. Having acted for the majority of the local authorities in south Wales, as well as a number of the authorities in north Wales and south west England, we have built up significant experience within the field. We undertake a high-volume of children services work each year, with much of our work easily appointed through the National Procurement Service (NPS) Legal Services framework.

**Our expertise includes:**

- applications to prevent forced marriage;
- care proceedings;
- deprivation of liberty applications (DoLS) involving children;
- emergency protection order applications;
- female genital mutilation (FGM) matters;
- matters with jurisdictional and international issues;
- placement and adoption applications; and
- secure accommodation applications.

## Key contact for Children's Social Services

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# Adult Social Services

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We represent local authorities in England and Wales in a diverse range of Court of Protection (CoP) cases dealing with matters from the initial advice stage to the completion of court proceedings. We are also experienced in the defence of adult social services departments, subject to challenge by way of Judicial Review. We often advise on complex questions concerning local authority responsibilities to specific individuals.

**Our expertise includes:**

- applications to prevent forced marriage;
- defending claims for accommodation and support;
- deferred payments under the Care Act 2014;
- deprivation of liberty applications (DoLS);
- displacement of Deputies and Nearest Relatives;
- emergency applications for adult safeguarding;
- residential educational support application claims;
- Section 117 aftercare responsibility disputes;
- the implementation of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014; and
- welfare and finance matters before the CoP.

## Key contact for Adult Social Services

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