Community Care and the Law
Sixth edition
Luke Clements

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Community Care and the Law is the pre-eminent legal text on adult social care law. Its contributors are leading experts in the field its author, Professor Clements, was the expert adviser to the Parliamentary Committee that scrutinised the Bill that became the Care Act 2014.

The 6th edition has involved a comprehensive revision of this established text to provide a completely up-to-date analysis of the law relating to the rights of adults in need and carers in England.

Community Care and the Law is the leading text for lawyers, policymakers, local authority and voluntary sector advisers and carers. The book presents this complex area of law with clarity but without over-simplification. It provides a detailed route map through the law and offers practical guidance on how it impacts on procedures and services.

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The sixth edition addresses:

The statutory scheme, the well-being duty and other cross cutting obligations
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Ordinary residence
Charging
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Housing rights, adaptations and grants
Group specific care and support duties for: older people, people with learning disabilities, autism, mental health difficulties, substance misuse, sensory impairments and prisoners
People subject to immigration controls
The regulation of domiciliary and residential care
Safeguarding
Remedies

The new edition contains extensive cross referencing for easy navigation. The appendices include the text of the key provisions of the Care Act 2014 and other relevant legislation.

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