

# Access to Care Records Campaign Group: It's My Journey, It's My Life:

## A roundtable about care leavers' rights to access their care files

Wednesday 17th June 2015

14:00 - 17.30

Leigh Day

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ACRCG is an alliance working to improve services provided by local authorities and voluntary organisations to care leavers when they request to see their social care files.

Following the recent statutory guidance published by the Department for Education (DfE) regarding access to social care files, this half day event, supported by the DfE, is an opportunity for senior managers in data protection and children's services to discuss:

- How to improve access to social care files; and
- Provide support throughout the process.

Baroness Lola Young of Hornsey, OBE will chair the event and Rob MacPherson of the DfE will discuss the government's guidance.

### Who should attend:

Representatives from:

- Directors of Children's Services;
- Local Government Association;
- Information Commissioners Office;
- Senior managers in Data Protection and Freedom of Information departments;
- Senior managers in Leaving Care and Children's Services.

### Purpose:

- **Gain insight** into the real life experiences of care leavers that have accessed their files;
- **Consider** the government guidance about the framework for access to social care records;
- **Share and develop** innovative approaches to support decision making following requests by care leavers to see their care file.

### Intended outcomes for this event:

- **An action plan** for each local authority and voluntary organisation to improve practice
- **Identify barriers** promoting and developing good practice and innovative ways when processing subject access requests by care leavers
- **Flag** areas which may need to be addressed in government guidance and future legislation.

The Access to Care Records Campaign Group (ACRCG) is an alliance of the following organisations supported by Baroness Lola Young of Hornsey, OBE and the Post Care Forum:



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## Programme

- 13:30 Registration/Welcome
- 14:00 Opening Remarks  
(Baroness Lola Young of Hornsey, OBE)
- 14:05 Speakers
- 14:45 Short Film  
(produced by The Care Leavers' Association)
- 15:00 Roundtable Workshop
- 15:30 Tea/Coffee Break
- 15:45 Feedback from Roundtable Workshops
- 17:00 Summary
- 17:25 Closing Remarks  
(Baroness Lola Young of Hornsey, OBE)
- 17:30 Refreshments

## Chair

Baroness Lola Young of Hornsey,  
OBE

## Speakers

### Darren Coyne

Projects and Development Manager  
The Care Leavers' Association

### Rob MacPherson

Children in Care Portfolio  
Department for Education

### Alison Millar

Partner  
Leigh Day

**The Roundtable discussions are being rolled out across England on the following dates:**

- 1st July - Essex  
8th July - Birmingham  
16th July- Manchester

## Directions

The launch will be held at Leigh Day's offices which are based in Farringdon, London.



Farringdon station is both a mainline overground station and part of the London Underground, running through the Circle Line, the Metropolitan Line and the Hammersmith and City Line.