

## CHAPTER 3: Human rights law

The body set up in place of the race, gender, and disability rights commissions is the Equality and Human Rights Commission, which is charged with advising on and enforcing good practice in all aspects of human rights and discrimination, including types of discrimination not covered by the previous bodies. See [www.equalityhumanrights.com](http://www.equalityhumanrights.com).

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Liberty is the leading organization monitoring the effectiveness of the HRA and bringing test cases. It has a range of useful information at [www.liberty-human-rights.org.uk](http://www.liberty-human-rights.org.uk).

The Department of Health has ceased to maintain a website on 'Managing Your Organisation: Human Rights', which included useful case studies with reference to actual court decisions on the impact of the HRA on areas of work which will be relevant to social workers and health professionals. You may still find it on the government's online archive.

The United Nations has all of the international charters on human rights and discrimination issues at [www.un.org/en/rights](http://www.un.org/en/rights).

Useful guidance to the HRA includes the following:

British Institute of Human Rights: *Your Human Rights Guides* (2006) (available from [www.bihhr.org.uk](http://www.bihhr.org.uk)).

Ministry of Justice: *Human Rights, Human Lives: a handbook for public authorities* (October 2006), [www.justice.gov.uk/downloads/human-rights/human-rights-handbook-for-public-authorities.pdf](http://www.justice.gov.uk/downloads/human-rights/human-rights-handbook-for-public-authorities.pdf)

J. Watson and M. Woolf, *Human Rights Act Toolkit* (2nd edn, Legal Action Group, 2008).

N. Kang-Riou, *Confronting the Human Rights Act 1998: Contemporary Themes and Perspectives* (Routledge, 2012).

K. Starmer, *European Human Rights Law: The Human Rights Act 1998 and the European Convention on Human Rights* (2nd edn, Legal Action Group, 2010).

J. Wadham, H. Mountfield, E. Prochaska, and R. Desai, *Blackstone's Guide to the Human Rights Act 1998* (7th edn, Oxford University Press, 2015).

The value of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child is considered by U. Kilkelly and L. Lundy, 'Children's rights in action: using the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child as an auditing tool' (2006) *CFLQ* 18(3): 331.

### The Equality Act 2010

J. Wadham, D. Ruebain, A. Robinson, and S. Uppal, *Blackstone's Guide to the Equality Act 2010* (2nd edn, Oxford University Press, 2012).

B. Hepple, *Equality: The New Legal Framework* (Hart, 2011).

More general articles on legal action around rights relevant to social work practice include

Mark Simpson (2018) Social rights, child rights, discrimination and devolution: untangling the web, *Journal of Social Welfare and Family Law*, 40:1, 3-20.