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SERIOUS MEDICAL
TREATMENT GROUP (KSMT)

The Kings Chambers Serious Medical Treatment Group (KSMT) operates within the Court of Protection team at Kings Chambers.

The group is widely recognised for their leading expertise at all levels in undertaking serious medical treatment work nationally.

Led by Sam Karim QC, this specialist group provides advisory and advocacy support for all serious medical treatment cases in the Court of Protection, Family Division and inherent jurisdiction.

Members have expertise in withdrawing artificial hydration / nutrition, cancer treatment, application relating to individual's permanent vegetative state, amputation, minimally conscious patients and cases involving the use of physical restraint and sedation.

The service provided by KSMT includes out of hours advice and representation managed by a dedicated team of clerks.

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THE KSMT GROUP



SAM KARIM QC
*(Year of Call: 2002,
Silk: 2017)*

Sam Karim QC is the head of the Court of Protection team at Kings Chambers. He has been a specialist in this area since the advent of the Mental Capacity Act.

As a silk, his practice covers:

- All types of disputes regarding the social welfare of incapacitated adults and children and medical treatment issues, and is regularly instructed by the Official Solicitor, families of patients, CCG's, local authorities and private care providers;
- Urgent applications for life saving medical treatment, non-urgent medical treatment, "end of life"

withdrawal of medical treatment, treatment of suicidal patients (including emergency treatment following overdose) and advanced directives; and

- Property and affairs. He has extensive experience in appearing on contested applications for deputyships and on issues arising during deputyship and for registration of lasting powers of attorney (LPAs) and enduring powers of attorney (EPAs), and advising on issues arising for attorneys and in relation to disputed statutory will. His experience also includes advising and appearing in cases relating to the overlap of the Court of Protection and personal injury proceedings.

Sam undertakes urgent advice and representation on applications including declarations on an emergency basis.



HELEN MULHOLLAND

(Year of Call: 1999)

Helen Mulholland has experience of serious medical treatment cases concerning adults in the Court of Protection and children in the Family Division of the High Court. Helen is willing and able to undertake treatment decision cases, including emergency applications, at very short notice. Helen has a wealth of experience in medical law, and is accustomed to liaising with clinicians and hospital Trusts in preparation for such hearings. Helen's experience in clinical negligence work gives her an excellent understanding of complex medical issues and she is well accustomed to handling complex medical evidence, and cross examining medical experts, in adversarial and inquisitorial processes.



SOPHIE ALLAN

(Year of Call: 2004)

Sophie is a personal injury specialist and also has a developing interest in public law, particularly Court of Protection work.

In respect of her personal injury practice, Sophie deals with all aspects of serious personal injury and has a particular interest in and experience of occupational disease. She is also a member of the Kings Chambers specialist pain team and has significant experience of coronial law.

Sophie is both robust in court and able to deal sensitively with her lay clients. She is careful and thorough in her approach to her cases and has considerable experience of managing expert evidence, both outside of the courtroom and in cross-examination. She is also experienced in conducting Joint Settlement Meetings.



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