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Selected Cases

- TW v Royal Bolton Hospital NHS Foundation Trust [2017] EWHC
- FB v Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust [2017] EWCA Civ 334.
- ABC v (1) St George’s Healthcare NHS Trust (2) South West London and St George’s Mental Health NHS Trust (3) Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust [2015] EWHC1396, [2017] EWCA.
- Sean Hunt v Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust [2016]EWHC 47.
- (1) DR E (2) DR G v Somerset Partnership NHS Trust (2016).
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- (1) CN A protected party suing by his litigation friend the Official Solicitor) (2) GN (A child suing by his litigation friend the Official Solicitor) v Poole Borough Council (2016) EWHC 1040.
- R (on the application of criminal injuries compensation authority) (Claimant) v First Tier Tribunal criminal injuries compensation) & MB (Interested Party) [2016] EWHC 2745.
- P (by his litigation friend the official solicitor) v Cheshire West & Chester Council & Anor: P & Q (by their litigation the Official Solicitor) v Surrey County Council [2014] UKSC 19.
- Boyle v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis [2013] EWCA.
- JGE v (1) English Province of our Lady of Charity (2) Trustees of the Portsmouth Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust [2012] EWCA Civ 938.
- Maga (By his litigation friend the Official Solicitor) v Trustees of the Birmingham Archdiocese of the Roman Catholic Church [2010] EWCA Civ 256.
- David Rowe v Dolman [2008] EWCA 1040.
- A v Iorworth Hoare [2008] HL 2 WLR 311.
- Sowden v Lodge, Crookdake v Drury [2005] 1WLR 2129.

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