



Free legal service in Renfrewshire

As you are aware, the closure of Renfrewshire Law Centre at the end of March 2018 left Renfrewshire without a free legal service for its citizens, until the Council's new Legal Contract with Renfrewshire Citizens Advice Bureau commences on 1 July.

The Council has, therefore, been working with the Citizens Advice Bureau to pull together a service which can provide people in need with free legal advice from an earlier date. Funding for this service was agreed at the Council Leadership Board on 25 April, and the new service will commence on 1 May 2018. The service will include:

Housing/Homelessness, Employment, Debt, Public Law, Community Care, Disability Rights and Welfare Rights

With additional specialist services covering areas such as:

Family Law, Tenancy Deposit Compensation, Representation at Mental Health Hearings, Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority Applications and Appeals, Personal Injury Claims, Immigration Adjudication Hearings, Powers of Attorney and Judicial Review

Where Court action is unavoidable, the legal service solicitor will prepare a defence and provide representation at court.

This email is to make you aware of this new service, so you can advise any of your clients who need this type of legal advice to contact Renfrewshire Citizens Advice Bureau.

Please pass this information to anyone you feel may benefit from it.