

Additional Support

There may be some circumstances in which legal intervention is appropriate to secure a resolution. In these circumstances, you can choose to be referred to organisations who can assist you with this. Examples might include:

- ▶ a severe cut to your budget that has a very detrimental effect on your support needs being met and which may adversely affect your human rights
- ▶ procedural impropriety, for example, the decision making process fails to take adequate account of the views of an individual who has Power of Attorney or Welfare Guardianship over your affairs
- ▶ failure in statutory duty, for example, a failure to meet your assessed needs



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Self-directed Support Legal Rights Project



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Who are we?



MECOPP is an Edinburgh based charity providing a range of support services to informal carers and those in receipt of care across Scotland. We work primarily with communities who experience marginalisation due to ethnicity, age, disability or other protected characteristics.

What is the 3 R's Project (Rights, Respect & Responsibilities)?

The 3 R's Project will assist individuals with social care support needs to realise new rights and entitlements conferred on them by the Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Act 2013. It will also deliver a three year capacity building programme to third sector organisations which provide support to individuals who are entitled to self-directed support.

The project is supported jointly by the Baring Foundation and the Life Changes Trust.

How can the 3 R's Project assist you?

- ▶ Provide advice and information on your legal rights under self-directed support, human rights and equalities legislation
- ▶ Undertake casework on your behalf to support resolution of more complex issues. The project is unable to undertake litigation on behalf of individuals as this is beyond its' scope
- ▶ Refer you to legal organisations if resolution cannot be reached

When you might need our help

- ▶ If you are having difficulties with the review or complaints process
- ▶ If you feel you were not fully included in the assessment and support planning process
- ▶ You were not given information on, and offered the choice of, all SDS options
- ▶ Where a review has resulted in a reduction to your budget despite an increase in your support needs

How can the 3 R's Project support the Third Sector?

- ▶ Access to a range of web-based publications
- ▶ Telephone advice and information
- ▶ Student placement opportunities delivered in partnership with the University of Glasgow School of Law
- ▶ Training opportunities including e-learning

Who can use the 3 R's Project?

The project will accept both self-referrals from individuals who require assistance and Third Sector organisations which support individuals. The project can assist individuals and Third Sector organisations anywhere in Scotland. Due to funding from the Life Changes Trust, we can provide specialist support to people with dementia and their carers'. You do not have to be a member of a minority ethnic community to access the project.

