

Meet The School DPO Service team



Alison Hallworth: Senior Solicitor and Team Leader

Alison is one of our most experienced senior lawyers having led the Education Team for many years, working directly with Headteachers, Governing bodies, the Director of Education and the DFE. Her work included school reorganisations, significant developments in education policy, SEN case work, judicial reviews and sensitive governance issues.

More recently Alison has taken the lead in adult social care, but she has retained her involvement in school related matters by leading the school governance team. Alison is also the lead advisor to Warwickshire and West Mercia Community Rehabilitation Company, a corporate advisory role which she has successfully undertaken for a number of years.



Guy Darvill: Solicitor

Guy qualified as a solicitor in 2009 and joined Warwickshire County Council in 2016 after working for Staffordshire County Council for a number of years, and having initially qualified in private practice. He has built up extensive experience in all aspects of education law, advising on special educational needs, school transport, admission and exclusion issues, and general educational duties. His work in this field also includes representing at the Special Educational Needs Tribunal and clerking Exclusion Review Panels, as well as training panel members and Council officers.

Guy has also worked for schools on a wide range of issues, advising on areas including family proceedings, social media usage, contract disputes, defamation actions, complaints and many other matters. He has also built up considerable knowledge on local government law and processes through involvement as designated lawyer on transformation projects concerning libraries, youth services, children's centres and non-statutory adult social care provision.

Meet The School DPO Service team(cont.)**Stacey Todd: Senior Legal Assistant – Data Protection Officer**

Stacey joined WLS in 2012 as a senior legal assistant in the Education Team, and is responsible for advising on the varied hotline enquiries from schools and academies.

Stacey advises and represents schools on non-school attendance prosecutions in the Magistrates Court. She also has experience of Special Educational Needs Tribunal Cases.

Stacey is also one of the designated School DPO Service Data Protection Officers.

**Miriam Shah: Senior Legal Assistant – Data Protection Officer**

Miriam joined Warwickshire County Council in 2017 as School Admissions Appeal Clerk. Prior to joining, Miriam worked at Capita Health and Wellbeing for over 15 years advising a diverse client base on a broad spectrum of legal matters. She has built up extensive experience in a variety of areas of law and is able to transfer her skills to advice on many different areas.

Miriam is currently based in the Adults and Education Team working as one of the designated School DPO Service Data Protection Officers.

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Samantha Woolley: Solicitor

Samantha qualified as a solicitor in October 2016 in a private practice law firm. She joined the Corporate and Commercial Team at Warwickshire County Council in November 2017. In private practice she gained experience drafting and advising on a wide range of commercial contracts, as well as advising clients in relation to consumer law and data protection law.

Since joining the Council, Samantha continues to advise on commercial contracts, including those subject to the public procurement regime and construction projects. Samantha also advises on all aspects of information governance and has been involved in the Council's preparations for GDPR. She has experience supporting internal clients with GDPR audits, drafting privacy policies, drafting and negotiating data protection provisions in contracts and providing internal training to colleagues.



Katherine Lamyman: Legal Advisor

Katherine joined WLS in October 2008 into the Corporate and Commercial team, having previously headed up the Legal Team at Coventry University and worked at a large telecommunications company advising on contractual and commercial matters both in the UK and internationally.

Katherine advises on corporate and commercial matters, specialising in all aspects of information law and practice covering the key access to information regimes, data protection and privacy law. Katherine is the lead lawyer for the Council in relation to the preparation for the new General Data Protection Regulation and also advises external clients on compliance with the new regulations including delivering briefing sessions and training. Katherine is a key advisor in relation to data security breaches providing advice on risk containment and recovery. Katherine also has extensive experience of CCTV/Surveillance technologies and advising on policy and practice. Katherine led on a complex negotiation with a large cloud supplier in relation to the Council's adoption of cloud computing.

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