



Finders
Development Hub

Deputyship Classroom: Managing Deputyship with Confidence



Event Information Pack

Everything you need to know about the event
and our speakers

Introduction

We are delighted to welcome you to another edition of Deputyship Classroom, featuring Ian Macara and Richard Shearing of EMG Solicitors.

In this session, Ian and Richard explore the practical application of Deputyship Standards and the challenges faced by deputies when supporting individuals who lack capacity. Drawing on extensive Court of Protection experience and real-world case studies, they examine the key principles that underpin effective deputyship.

This webinar provides practical guidance on navigating complex situations, managing risk and ensuring compliance with Office of the Public Guardian expectations, while remaining focused on the wishes, feelings and rights of the individuals being supported.

This CPD-accredited session offers valuable insight for local authority deputies, professional deputies and Court of Protection practitioners seeking to strengthen their understanding of deputyship standards and apply them with confidence in day-to-day practice.



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Our Chosen Charities for 2026

Finders International is proud to support Vision21 and The Silver Line as our chosen charities for the year. Please help us in supporting our charities by making a donation at the food stations.



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Meet our speakers



Ian Macara
Senior Partner

emgsolicitors
Supporting Clients. Protecting Assets. Changing Lives.

Ian Macara is a distinguished legal professional recognised for his expertise as one of the Office of the Public Guardian's accredited Panel Deputies and Public Guardians in England and Wales.

With memberships in Solicitors for the Elderly (SFE), Society of Trusts and Estate Practitioners (STEP), and roles such as Dementia Friends Ambassador, Ian brings a wealth of experience to EMG Solicitors as a Senior Partner.

His extensive legal career includes advocating for vulnerable clients, managing their legal, financial, and care needs with a pragmatic approach.

Ian also educates and supports lay deputies and attorneys, ensuring they understand their responsibilities and avoid potential investigations by the Office of the Public Guardian.

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Richard Shearing
Senior Partner

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Richard is a seasoned lawyer with a dedicated focus on assisting vulnerable clients, drawing on his extensive background in the care sector.

His expertise spans financial and care-related issues under the Court of Protection, where he serves as a trusted financial deputy and professional trustee.

Richard also provides comprehensive guidance on estate administration, wills, and lasting powers of attorney.

His commitment to client welfare has earned him widespread peer acclaim and continuous industry accolades.

Richard is regularly recognized in the prestigious Legal 500 United Kingdom rankings as both a "Next Generation Partner" and a "Recommended Lawyer."

Industry reviews frequently highlight his meticulous approach, noting that he consistently goes "above and beyond".

Accredited learning, designed for practice

You're engaging with this event because it delivers relevant, professional insight-grounded in real-world practice and designed to support your role.

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- Focused on practical application, not theory alone
- Structured with clear learning value
- Aligned with the needs of legal & public sector professionals



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Helping **bereaved** people
find **support & wellbeing**



AtaLoss is the Secretariat
for the newly established
All Party Parliamentary Group on
Grief Support and the Impact of Death on Society.

The purpose of the **APPG** is to bring together bereavement services,
charities, faith communities, health professionals, public sector
organisations and bereaved individuals to:

- raise awareness across Parliament of the impact of bereavement on adults and children
- recognise grief support as a public health issue
- campaign for change for the wellbeing of bereaved people across the UK

You can read more by following the QR code



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Help us create a fair and sustainable future for Gloucestershire

A local charity working to make Gloucestershire communities more sustainable, robust, and resilient

Vision 21 is a small, yet highly active sustainability charity with 29 years of impact. Operating across Gloucestershire, our projects focus on enhancing health, well-being and the environment. Working with local authorities, businesses and community organisations, all of our projects involve voluntary opportunities.

Our work concerns the Climate Emergency, specifically about how we can help mitigate climate change and assist our society, communities, families and individuals to adapt to living in a warmer world.

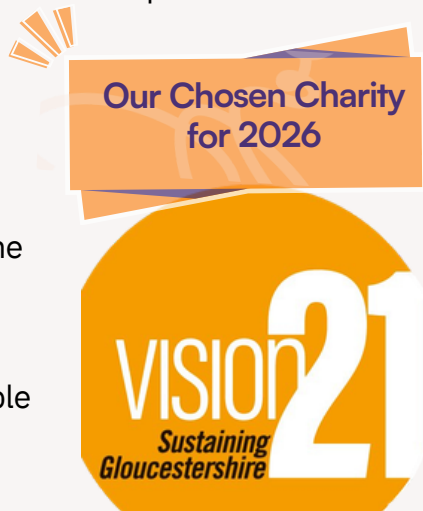
By encouraging people to think and act in favour of the climate and their community, we can all assist the planet's recovery as well as improve our local environment and living spaces. In this way, we hope to make our communities better able to cope with the crisis.

We have five main initiatives:

- CheltenhamZero
- Planet Cheltenham
- Repair Café and Network
- Reclaim furniture recycling scheme
- Planted

All of which contributes towards meeting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

www.vision21.org.uk



The Silver Line

helpline for older people

0800 4 70 80 90

Our Chosen Charity
for 2026

We offer friendship, conversation, and support to older people aged 55 and over. Whatever the day or time, you can pick up the phone and speak to one of our friendly Silver Line team members.

Whether you'd like to exchange a quick "good morning" with someone, fancy a chat about how your day has gone, or need a trusted listening ear to share your thoughts and feelings with, we're here to talk.

Our team is also here for you if you have any worries or questions. Depending on what kind of support you need, we can direct you to certain services, groups or resources that may help.

And remember, we're here for you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Even if you're in touch with family and friends, it may not be possible to reach out to them when it's very late at night or very early in the morning.

But The Silver Line Helpline is here to talk.

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