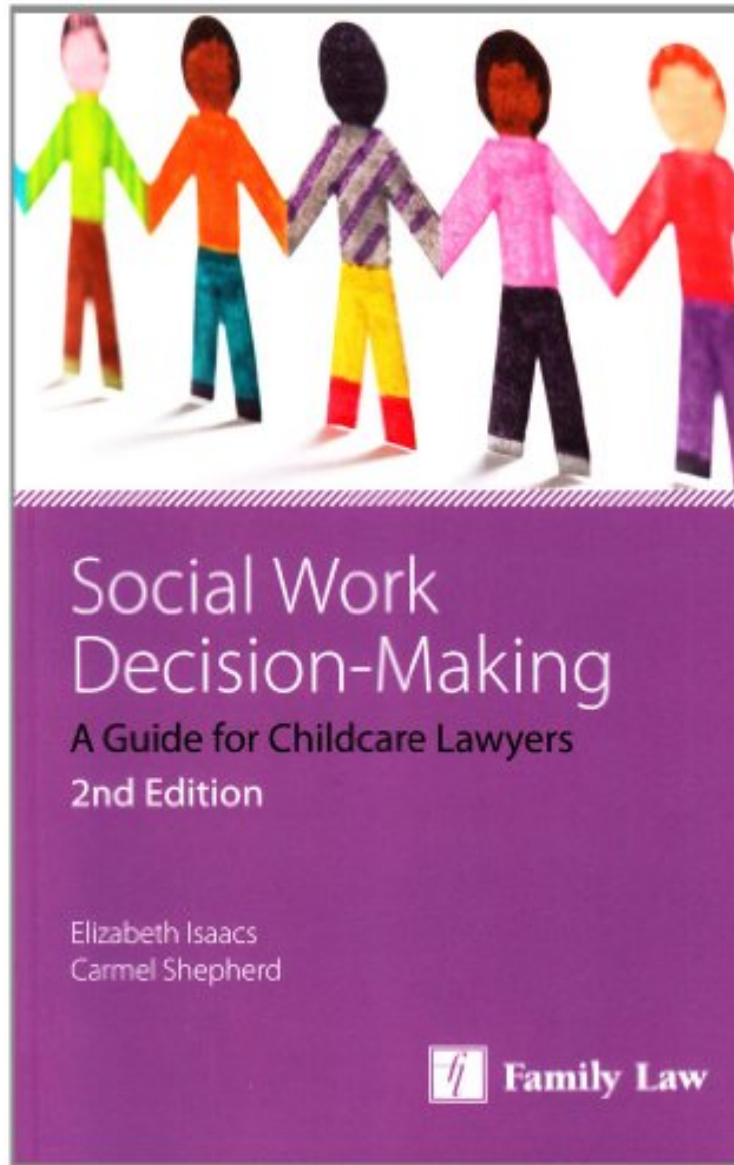


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If you're a childcare lawyer, your professional activity will inevitably involve liaison with -- and contact with -- social workers. This excellent book will help you understand the role and practice of the social worker, just we are sure it will be equally useful in familiarizing social workers with the mind-set of the lawyer and the intricacies of court proceedings with which they are frequently involved. Its primary function, however, is to function as a guide and reference book for lawyers and other professionals who seek a fuller understanding of social work policies and procedures. Taking a practical approach, the book aims to define and describe what constitutes good social work and of course, good decision making. As assessment is the social worker's crucial and pivotal role, the focus of the book is on the decision making process, including how the lawyer may assess whether or not the social worker in question has come to the right conclusion or possibly the wrong one. Written by two experts in childcare law and social work issues -- one a barrister; the other a children's guardian and trainer -- the first edition of the book, published four years ago, was conceived originally in response to requests to the authors for, we would assume, a systematic explanation of the principles, procedures and terminology used by social workers, as an aid to professionals unfamiliar with them. This new second edition, which reflects the past four years of legal, social and political change, has been completely updated, with all relevant changes to law and practice included, in particular the Laming Report 2009... Family Procedure Rules 2010 and Practice Direction 12A... Recommendations of the Family Justice Review 2011... the Munro Review of Child Protection 2011... and much more. Also within this clear and very readable volume, there are extensive research resources, including meticulous footnoting and tables of cases, statutes and statutory instruments, plus a detailed index. As the authors point out, this is a reference book, intended to 'demystify the inner workings of social work practice' which you can refer to selectively, whenever you need to prepare a case. If you're practitioner who deals either frequently or occasionally with childcare issues, this book can certainly provide invaluable assistance to you in your day to day practice. The law is stated as at 1 January 2012.

Social workers working with children and families are required to make complex and difficult decisions on a daily basis, which often result in court proceedings. This book is a comprehensive guide for childcare lawyers and other professionals in the UK seeking to understand the policies and procedures involved in social work practice. This second edition has been thoroughly updated to take account of all recent UK developments, including the reissued Public Law Outline, the revised 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' (March 2010), new UK case law in respect of section 5 social work records and local authority duties, guidance relating to the Integrated Children's System (ICS), and new guidance for secure accommodation provision. Contents include: the legal framework * why do lawyers need to know about social work? * the referral to the local authority * the local authority response - the s47 investigation * the assessment process * child protection planning * the local authority's duties towards looked-after children * fostering * adoption and permanency * leaving care * how to analyze the local authority's decision-making process