

Legal Advice Service

Free & Confidential

South Eastern Sydney Local Health District (SESLHD) has partnered with **Legal Aid NSW** to provide **FREE** legal advice to people in hospitals facing legal issues that affect their health. This confidential service gives SESLHD clients direct access to legal assistance.

Legal advice is provided by a solicitor from Legal Aid, with support from the **Integrated Care Unit**.

This is a phone-based service, but our solicitor can meet clients face-to-face if necessary. Interpreters can also be arranged if required.

We accept referrals **Monday to Friday from 8:00am to 4:30pm**.

What we do

We provide advice on **civil law matters** such as:

- ✓ Fines
- ✓ Tenancy and housing
- ✓ Centrelink issues
- ✓ Credit cards and other debts
- ✓ Guardianship or financial management orders
- ✓ Elder abuse
- ✓ Domestic violence orders
- ✓ Work-related disputes
- ✓ Discrimination or harassment
- ✓ Immigration

We also provide preliminary and referral advice for **criminal and family law matters**. If comprehensive or specialist advice is needed, we can refer patients to the appropriate legal services.

What we cannot do

We do not create or witness wills. We also do not advise on personal or workplace injury or workers' compensation issues.

The [Law Society of NSW](http://www.lawsociety.com.au) (www.lawsociety.com.au) can provide contact details for private solicitors.

Who we help

This service is available to patients and their families of **St George Hospital, The Sutherland Hospital, and Calvary Health Care Kogarah**. This includes inpatient, outpatient, and community health services.

Individuals seeking legal assistance are encouraged to speak with a **social worker or health professional** who can help with the referral process. **Self-referrals** are also accepted.

How to refer

Please complete a referral form and email it to SESLHD-TSHlegalclinic@health.nsw.gov.au.

More Information

For further details or to request a referral form, call **0417 888 440** or visit our website [Legal Advice Clinic](http://www.seslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/services-clinics/directory/integrated-care-unit/legal-advice-clinic-health-justice-partnership) (www.seslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/services-clinics/directory/integrated-care-unit/legal-advice-clinic-health-justice-partnership).