



## HUMAN RIGHTS AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION



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### Speakers

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### Date & Time

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2010  
6pm – 7:30pm

### Venue

BPP Law School, Red Lion St, Holborn

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1.5 CPD

An open and transparent government is fundamental to a true democracy. Accessing information held by government departments and public bodies is crucial to the democratic process and to holding state bodies accountable.

Human rights lawyers, both those acting for claimants and public authorities, need to know what information should be made available and what the law allows the government to withhold.

The current duties on government departments and public bodies to disclose information can be found in a variety of statutes, policies and guidance documents. This talk will provide an overview of these obligations and in particular focus on the Data Protection Act, the Freedom of Information Act and the Environmental Information Regulations.

What are the legal duties on government departments and public bodies to disclose information? How best can claimant lawyers obtain this information? How can a refusal to disclose information be challenged? This event will address all of these questions.

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