Introduction to Lawtel UK

Lawtel UK is a current awareness service for legal practitioners. It provides access to a whole range of legal information from tracking progress on legislation through to case summaries and an articles index. It also provides access to directories of solicitors and barristers. In some instances Lawtel UK will give access to the full text where that document is held in the public domain.

Content

Lawtel UK can be searched using one or all of five headings:

- **Case Law.** Provides access to summaries of reported and unreported case law from 1980. Links to some full text. Commentary includes expert opinion on the importance and potential effect of case law decisions as they happen.

- **Articles Index.** Abstracts of legal and practice management articles from over 90 legal publications.

- **Legislation.** Summaries of UK statutes from 1984 (links to electronic full text 1987-) Gives details on current status of legislation and related SIs. Also includes officially published secondary legislation, highlighting their enabling power, their effect and status. Combined with a link to the full text on the OPSI website from 1997-. Plus the full text of all SIs since 1987 delivered for free via e-mail. Contact helpdesk@lawtel.com.

- **PI Quantum Reports.** Reports and other material relevant to personal injury practice.

- **News & Press.** Digests key government and official sources and leading newspapers.

Scope

Lawtel UK is updated twice every 24 hours. Lawtel UK also publishes some unreported decisions the day after judgment is given.
Searching Lawtel

When you first access Lawtel you will see the homepage as indicated in the screenshot below.

To quickly see all new cases, legislation, article summaries and news coverage added that day, click on Latest Lawtel Update.

You can also access user guides and online demos by clicking on Help.

From the homepage, you can either search one option, several options at the same time (e.g. for case law or legislation) or select ‘search all my content’.
Cross searching

If you wish to search across more than one option, enter your search in the first box and tick the boxes to the left of the relevant headings (see screenshot below). Each option that has a tick in its box will be searched simultaneously.

Use the connectors AND, OR or NOT to refine your search. (for further details, see the ‘Getting Started’ section of the Lawtel User Guide’ in the ‘Help’ menu).

NB Lawtel automatically looks for extended versions of the words you enter in the search box, so by typing child you will also find results containing the word children. In order to prevent this from happening, so that you find exactly the word or phrase you entered with no variations, type the word or phrase in quotes, e.g. “child”, or “child care”.

Select one or more options to search by clicking on the respective tick box for each heading.

Enter your search terms into the box provided.
Checking Statutes and Statutory Status

The full text of statutes is available via Lawtel. Searching for a statute will also enable you to find information about the preceding Bill, and current statutory status.

Options for information on the Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008
You can access information on the current statutory status of individual sections of the act by clicking on the link for the **Statutory Status Table**. This also shows SIs that have been enabled by the Act, or have amended the legislation.

You can see the original Bill and follow its progress through Parliament.

You can see which legislation the current Act has amended.
Printing, saving and e-mailing documents from Lawtel

To print, save or e-mail a document you have located, click on the relevant icon as it appears in the top right-hand corner of the Lawtel screen.

You will be presented with the option of saving a document in either Word, rich text or pdf format. Ensure that you are able to open the document you wish to save in the format you have selected before saving the document.

Additional notes on Kemp and Personal Injury information on Lawtel.

Lawtel has a wide range of personal injury information, including Kemp on Lawtel. Please note that, while there is a printed version of Kemp, the electronic version IS NOT a direct replacement for this. For example, it does not contain the commentary from the printed version.

Kemp on Lawtel contains over 3,000 Quantum Reports.