

Adolescent Mental Health Care and the Law

A legal guide for people working with children and young people

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