R (on the application of Alan McIntyre & Elaine McIntyre) v Gentoo

Group Ltd [2010] EWHC 5 (Admin) at paras 4, 21-27

Human Rights Act 1998

6.— Acts of public authorities.

(1) It is unlawful for a <u>public authority</u> to act in a way which is incompatible with a Convention right.

. . .

- (3) In this section "public authority" includes—
- (a) a court or tribunal, and
- (b) any person certain of whose functions are <u>functions of a public nature</u>, but does not include either House of Parliament or a person exercising functions in connection with proceedings in Parliament.

Equality Act 2010

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- (1) A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to—
- (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
- (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- (c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
- (2) A person who is not a public authority <u>but who exercises public functions</u> must, in the exercise of those functions, have due regard to the matters mentioned in subsection (1).