THE HUMAN RIGHTS ACT LEGAL DUTIES

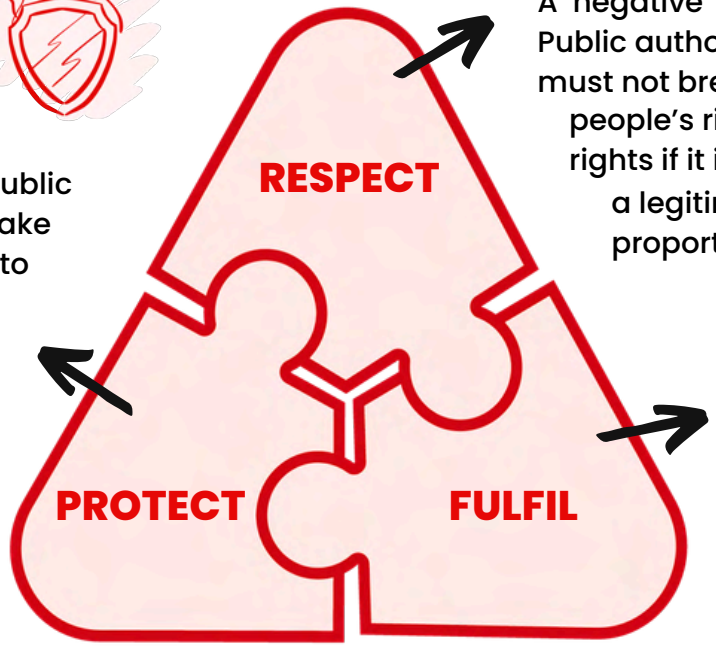
The Human Rights Act is a UK law which places a legal duty on public authorities to respect, protect and fulfil people's human rights.

Public authorities include:

- core public bodies - publicly funded state services.
- hybrid public bodies - private or charitable organisations that are performing a public function.

Protecting human rights:

A 'positive' duty. Public authorities must take reasonable steps to safeguard our rights if they are at risk.



Respecting human rights:

A 'negative' duty. Public authorities must not breach people's rights and only restrict rights if it is lawful, for a legitimate aim, and proportionate.

Fulfilling human rights:

A 'procedural' duty. Public authorities must investigate when things go wrong and take measures to stop it from happening again.

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