

Hill Dickinson is a leading and award winning, full service international law firm offering a comprehensive range of legal services. Our focus is on saving our clients' money, delivering expert advice and protecting reputation.

## Advisers to the public sector

Described by the independent legal directories as “regional heavyweights”, our dedicated and “efficient” public sector team provide “timely, comprehensive” and cost-effective legal advice across the full spectrum of public sector disciplines.

Defined as a team that “can always be relied on” for advice born from a deep “sector knowledge” with an “awareness of practical commercial issues,” we advise a number of local authorities as well as public and voluntary sector organisations, including housing trusts, health bodies, charities, schools and police forces.

Our dedicated and committed focus to this sector over many years ensures we both understand and appreciate the specific challenges and issues faced by public sector organisations in today’s economic and political environment. We can pull together a team of experts with the ability to provide the advice you need in the language you understand in minutes.

Being so immersed in your sector, we invite you to join us for one of our many sector-specific training sessions, our networking events or to receive targeted news about the legal aspects of the issues likely to affect you. Click the button below to sign up via our website.

KEEP INFORMED

Our offering is comprehensive - our advice tailored. Our core services to your sector include:

- Abuse (Claims Excellence Legal Partner of the Year 2016, Personal Injury Team of the Year 2016)
- Adult social care (including Care Act, MHA, MCA and DoLS)
- Civil legal costs
- Claims handling and litigation
- Commercial contracts
- Commercial dispute resolution
- Commercial litigation
- Corporate governance
- Counter-fraud
- Education
- Employment issues
- Information governance and data protection
- Procurement
- Property, planning and construction
- Regulatory
- Reputation management and crisis assistance

## Why Hill Dickinson?

**Insight:** we are a partner firm of the NWLC and have been an on-panel adviser to the members of the NWLC in a relationship which spans more than five years. We use our experience and knowledge to your advantage to provide expert advice, save you money and protect your reputation.

**Understanding your needs:** members of our public sector team have worked either in-house or with various local authorities for numerous years. We have first-hand and up-to-date knowledge of the challenges faced by legal teams in the sector. Our clients regularly describe working with us as feeling like "an extension of our own team."

**With your interests at heart:** we make great efforts to build strong relationships with our clients. Your agenda is top of ours.

**Well connected:** we have strong relationships with key individuals in a range of councils across England and Wales. We are headquartered in the region and have a sound understanding of the local legal landscape. We are also sponsors of Alarm and regularly present at local authority events such as the Alarm National Conference, various insurance officers groups, Local Government Weekend law school.

**Competitive rates:** we are transparent and work on a no-surprises basis where rates are agreed upfront wherever we can. Our clients benefit from the skills, expertise and resource of a top 40 law firm at the rates of a regional partner.

**With added value:** we are true partners, committed to contributing positively to the development of the consortium. This includes an exclusive, value added package available to members:

**Innovation:** we use bespoke and cutting-edge technology to best-serve the needs of our clients. We are able to generate enhanced and proven efficiencies in terms of both process and cost.

**Tradition and reputation:** a top 40 UK and international law firm, trading since 1810. We have built a solid and enviable reputation among clients and wider business communities.

## Independently recognised

Recognised by the independent legal directories as 'knowledgeable and responsive – absolutely brilliant.'

'Hill Dickinson LLP is instructed by clients such as Liverpool City Council, the North West Legal Consortium, Lincolnshire County Council, and Wrexham County Borough Council. Astute senior associate Sarah Swan heads the team.'

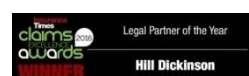
Hill Dickinson LLP's 'vast' team provides a service that is 'timely, comprehensive, accessible and inclusive, and is well coordinated and led'.

Healthcare: Mental Health: "Hill Dickinson has always been extremely helpful and quick to respond to queries. They provide excellent training sessions to keep practitioners up-to-date with legislation."

"They are approachable, personable and very contemporary with their understanding of the law and how it relates to practitioners."

Court of Protection: Health & Welfare (Public Sector Clients) "They are very strong. They are without doubt the leading force in the North West."

"In all cases they have performed exceptionally well. Their advice is clear and unambiguous; deadlines for responses are always agreed with me and have always been timely. I have confidence in the advice provided."



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