



NW LEGAL CONSORTIUM
Authorities Working Together

NWLC Annual Training Event Programme

5th October 2021

Princess Royal Suite, 4th Floor Princess Royal Stand, Aintree Racecourse, Ormskirk Rd, Aintree, Liverpool L9 5AS

Time	Event	Speaker
09:30 – 10:00	Registration and Networking	
10:00 – 10:05	Welcome Address	David McCullough, Chair NWLC Management Board
10.05 – 10.25	Lawcare	Nick O'Neill, Director Oriel Chambers, Lawcare Champion
10.25 – 11.15	Resilience for Recovery	Dr Judith Mohring Consultant Psychiatrist
11.15 – 11.30	The Work Of Our Nominated Charity	Paul Bonnet, Volunteer North West Air Ambulance
11.30 – 11.45	Refreshments and Networking	

11.45 – 12.50	Mindfulness For Everyday Living (To be followed by a Q and A session with both Judith and Russ)	Russell Treasure, Director of Wellbeing, Fretus Group
12:50 – 13:45	Lunch and networking	
13:45 – 14:00	NWLC AGM	All welcome
14:00 – 15:05	Workshop sessions 1	
	Equality Case Update	Philip Harman, Partner, DAC Beachcroft An update on the latest employment law cases, covering: Equality case law – including return to office working and vaccinations. Constructive unfair dismissal – what counts as a ‘final straw’? Whistleblowing - the rise of interim relief.
	Strategies For Dealing With Subject Access Requests	Helen Snow, Senior Associate, Geldards Dealing with subject access requests can be extremely labour intensive and time consuming for public sector organisations, particularly where the information encompassed within a request is on an large scale. Failing to deal adequately with a request will expose a data controller to liability, but providing more information that the requester is entitled to can also result in risk. In this workshop we will look at what information is within the scope of a subject access request, what are the obligations to provide that information and strategies for dealing with and responding to subject access requests, including utilising extensions of time, the ICO’s regulatory approach during the pandemic and manifestly unfounded and excessive requests.

	The Environmental Bill - What do those in Local Government need to know?	Simon Colvin, Partner, Weightmans Simon will deliver an update on the Environment Bill. He will look in detail at the role of the new Office for Environmental Protection and the new environmental review procedure, before providing insights into the new biodiversity net gain requirements. Simon has been working with IEMA and the Broadway Initiative in relation to the development of the Bill and can offer his thoughts and insights from that work.
	PFI Contracts: How To Maximise Value And Minimise Risks	Colin McConaghy, Partner and Judith Hopper, Partner, Bevan Brittan Discussing the importance of contract management for PFIs in the context of contract expiry, deteriorating assets and other hot topics including Covid relief, insurance gain share disputes and refinancing opportunities.
15.05 – 15.25	Refreshments and Networking	
15:25 – 16:30	Workshop sessions 2	
	Local Authority Involvement In Companies	Clare Hardy, Senior Associate, Rebecca Gilbert, Senior Associate, Geldards This workshop will explore the legal and practical issues that local authorities need to address when they are considering involvement in companies. It will consider the impact that involvement in a company could have on the local authorities and on officers and members who have roles in both. We will discuss how to manage roles in both effectively, whilst ensuring that the companies meet their objectives. We will also look at the reasons why local authorities might wish to make use of companies and the different types of corporate structures available.
	Child Protection Update	Marion Robinson, Principal Associate, Weightmans

		Marion will present an update on the latest hot topics in child care law giving practical insights into managing child protection cases.
	Public Procurement & Regulatory Reform – What You Need To Know	Fran Mussellwhite, Partner and Kyle Duggan, Associate, Bevan Brittan Covering two topics relating to public procurement. First, they will outline what local authorities should be doing to prepare for the upcoming reforms to public procurement law, and secondly they will cover the lessons local authorities can learn from recent cases where authorities have found their procurements being scrutinised by the Courts.
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