



YOUR MONTHLY E-BULLETIN

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LATEST CONSORTIUM NEWS

THE FUTURE OF YOUR SOLICITORS FRAMEWORK

All Heads of Service have now received a note which contains the Management Board's recommendations for the proposed future plans and which seeks views and comments.

The Board will be considering these responses at their meeting on 10th June so a decision on the way forward is very closeand then the work starts!

The outcome and progress will be reported to all through future Bulletins over the coming months.

OUR LATEST CONSORTIUM OFFER

Mental Health Act and Mental Capacity Act

MHA & MCA Law have run a subscription service for the last 13 years primarily for Local Authorities and Trusts.

Dave Sheppard has recently made an offer to the North West Legal Consortium that for those local authorities (not just legal departments), who have either never subscribed or have not been recent subscribers, they can subscribe for a 50% discount (i.e. now only £600 plus VAT) for access from now until 30th April 2016.

If interested, please email **Davedirect**(dave@mhaandmca.co.uk)

REMINDERS

Member organisations will shortly be receiving their invoices for the NWLC Annual Subscription. These will come from Sefton who assist the Consortium with this process as lead organisation.

DID YOU SEE THIS NEW CONSORTIUM OFFER LAST MONTH?

North West based legal case management supplier Norwel is now offering discounted rates to members of the Consortium and additionally has developed an alternative and innovative 'pay monthly' pricing model for Consortium members.

Established in 1972, Norwel Computer Services Ltd continues to be recognised as a key supplier of superior legal case management systems to Local Authority legal departments.





As part of its ongoing commitment to the North West region, Norwel is offering Consortium members the choice of either; a 10% discount on software licensing or alternatively an innovative 'pay-monthly' pricing structure which is unique and exclusive to Consortium members.

For more information and an illustration of the costs use this link <http://www.norwel.co.uk/north-west-legal-consortium-member-benefits.html>

If you would like to discuss the offer in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact Norwel directly on telephone number **0161 492 1600** or alternatively e-mail steve.skinner@norwel.co.uk or andy.woods@norwel.co.uk

Don't forget to let us know when you have new colleagues joining your organisation (and leaving too of course)

All you need to do is drop a quick e-mail to bh_nwlconsortium@btinternet.com or briangibson2@msn.com with the detail of the staff changes and we'll take it from there!

Free Consortium healthchecks are available to member authorities to spread the word about the benefits of membership of the Consortium, explain how the website can be used and basically do a bit of a healthcheck as to what each authority uses the Consortium for etc and how best we can assist.

ANNUAL FREE TRAINING PROGRAMME - WHATS ON THIS MONTH?

The remaining FREE CPD session from our Annual Training Programme provided by our Partner firms to round off the year's programme is on **24th June DAC Beachcroft** are presenting Commercial Property Powers and Development in Manchester.

And lets not forget that the **NWLC Annual Training Event 2015 - NOW OPEN FOR BOOKINGS!**

This year's event will be held at the **Langtree Stadium in St Helens on Tuesday 6th October 2015.**

For full details and to make bookings for the courses or the ATE for yourself a colleague or client go to the website at www.nwlegalconsortium.com - courses page.

NEW ROLES UP FOR GRABS?

This month Merseytravel have a vacancy for a Commercial Lawyer with a closing date of 17th June and Bury Council are looking for a Senior Solicitor, Community Care with a closing date of 19th June. West Lancashire District Council require an Electoral Services and Administration manager (closing date 26th June) and Preston City Council urgently require a Land Charges Assistant.

For full details **see the Jobs page** on the website.

Does your authority want to advertise your vacancies on the website for free? If so contact Beryl Heath on bh_nwlconsortium@btinternet.com



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NWLC NOMINATED CHARITY OF THE YEAR

Please support the North West Air Ambulance Charity

For the Charity's latest events go to:

<http://nwaa.net/>

To help support our charity on our mission to continually advance our medical care, enhance our coverage of the region and to make a life-changing difference, please visit www.nwaa.net or contact fundraising@nwaa.net or 0151 547 7830. There are many ways to help – donate, volunteer your time or fundraise on our behalf at one of our many exciting events.

Find us on social media for updates on our latest missions, stories about our incredible ex-patients and supporters and for more information on our upcoming fundraising events. Simply follow us on Twitter @NWAirAmbulance or Facebook – www.facebook.com/NWAAC





13TH JUNE 2015 – CROSS BAY WALK, MORECOMBE BAY, CUMBRIA

2014 saw our largest Cross Bay Walk ever with more than 200 participants supporting our 15th anniversary! We're aiming for an even larger team and we'd love to have you join us so bring along your friends and family and come and be part of the fun. There is no minimum sponsorship amount required for this event and registration is only **£10 per person, under 16's can register for FREE** and you can even bring the dog!

Our annual walk across Morecambe Bay will take place on Saturday 13th June 2015 at 3pm (registration will open at 1pm). The 8 mile walk led by Queens Guide, Cedric Robinson MBE, starts at Arnside and finishes at Kents Bank.

You can complete the attached form or book online at <https://nwaa.net/events/2015-06#2015-cross-bay-walk> please share the attached poster and together let's make this as successful as last year's event!

GET YOUR TICKET TODAY FOR THE MANCHESTER AIR SHOW. HELP SUPPORT THE NORTH WEST AIR AMBULANCE CHARITY AND WHILST ENJOYING A FANTASTIC AIRSHOW.

On Sunday 5th July, City Airport Barton will be hosting a fantastic Airshow and family fun day. The North West Air Ambulance Charity is delighted to be the chosen charity for the event. Building on the success of last year, this year's event promises to be even bigger and better.

Team NWAA will be in force there with a display stall and lots going on all about the charity. In addition there will be lots of children's entertainment and fantastic aerial displays and fly-bys. The Manchester Airshow will feature over Flying Display Acts to create a two part Flying Display between 12pm-4pm including a Lancaster, Hurricane and Spitfire - Royal Air Force Battle of Britain Memorial Flight and exciting aerial acrobatics from The RV8tors. Iconic aircraft such as veteran of the Vietnam War, the 'Huey' (Bell UH-1 Iroquois) helicopter and the Chinook.

It's thanks to people like you, our pilots, doctors and paramedics can continue making a lifesaving difference every single day of the year. So invite your friends and family and come down for a great family day out.

Tickets are now available so grab yours now! For further information and to buy tickets visit <http://manchesterairshow.co.uk/>

Date: Sunday 5th July

Time: Gates open 10am. Flying displays from 12pm

Location: City Airport (Barton), Eccles, Manchester. M30 7SA

Website: <http://manchesterairshow.co.uk/>





NWLC MONTHLY LEGAL UPDATER

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This is a selection of legal updates for NWLC powered by Westlaw UK and Practical Law. To read more on these topics, go to westlaw.co.uk or uk.practicallaw.com



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HOUSING

Homelessness; Priority needs; Vulnerable adults.

Johnson v Solihull MBC. [2015] UKSC 30. Supreme Court (SC). Lord Neuberger PSC; Lady Hale DPSC; Lord Hughes, J.S.C.; Lord Wilson J.S.C.; Lord Clarke, J.S.C.. May 13, 2015

The assessment of whether a homeless applicant was “vulnerable” for the purposes of the Housing Act 1996 s.189(1)(c) involved asking whether he would be more vulnerable than others in the same position. Any support that would be offered to him by family members while he was homeless had to be taken into account.

Appeals allowed in part

LICENSING. *Local government.*

EU law; Enforcement; Fees; Licences; Sex establishments.

R. (on the application of Hemming (t/a Simply Pleasure Ltd)) v Westminster City Council. [2015] UKSC 25. Supreme Court (SC). Lord Neuberger PSC; Lord Mance, J.S.C.; Lord Toulson, J.S.C.; Lord Reed, J.S.C.; Lord Clarke, J.S.C.. April 29, 2015

The Supreme Court referred to the European Court of Justice questions as to whether the fee-charging practice of Westminster City Council in respect of licences for sex establishments was consistent with Directive 2006/123 art.13(2).

Questions referred to ECJ





Legislation

SOCIAL WELFARE

Inspections; Regulation; Social care; Wales.

Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Bill 2015.

A Bill to reform the regulatory regime for care and support services; provide for a regulatory framework that requires an approach to the regulation of care and support services focused on outcomes for service users; reform the inspection regime for local authority social services functions; provide for the reconstitution and renaming of the Care Council for Wales as Social Care Wales and the broadening of its remit; and reform the regulation of the social care workforce.

Website: <http://senedd.assembly.wales/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=12110> [Accessed February 26, 2015]

Introduced: 23/2/2015; Welsh Stage 1, Consideration: Health and Social Care Committee consideration 25/2/2015, 25/3/2015, 23/4/2015, 29/4/2015, 13/5/2015 provisional. Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee consideration 27/4/2015. Finance Committee consideration 25/4/2015, 13/5/2015

HOUSING

Commencement; Homelessness; Local housing authorities' powers and duties; Wales.

The Housing (Wales) Act 2014 (Commencement No.3 and Transitory, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2015. SI 2015/1272 (W.88) (C.73)

This Order brings into force, on 27 April 2015, the Housing (Wales) Act 2014 Pt 2, with the exception of s.75(3) (intentionally homeless households with children) and the partial exception of s.78 (deciding to have regard to intentionality).

Website: http://origin-www.legislation.gov.uk/wsi/2015/1272/pdfs/wsi_20151272_mi.pdf [Accessed May 5, 2015]

In Force: Bringing into force various provisions of the 2014 Act on 27 April 2015 and 1 July 2015.

Made under Housing (Wales) Act 2014 s.145(3)(4)

Legislation amended: Local Authority Social Services Act 1970 (modified); Housing (Wales) Act 2014 (modified); Allocation of Housing and Homelessness (Eligibility) (Wales) Regulations 2014 (SI 2014/2603) (modified)





Government briefing paper

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

England; Local authorities; Outsourcing.

Local government: new models of service delivery - Briefing Paper. Issued by House of Commons Library. CBP05950 13 May 2015

A House of Commons Library Briefing Paper contains examples of new forms of service delivery being implemented by local authorities in England, including shared services, outsourcing, "insourcing", and the use of mutual.

Website: <http://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/SN05950/SN05950.pdf> [Accessed May 13, 2015]

News item

LOCAL GOVERNMENT. *Administrative law.*

Corruption; Costs; Elected mayors; Intimidation; Religions; Solicitors Regulation Authority.

Judge ousts corrupt Muslim mayor. Times, April 24, 2015, 1,12,13. By Dominic Kennedy. Also Reported in Guardian, April 24, 2015, 4; Daily Telegraph, April 24, 2015, 1,4,5

Lutfur Rahman, mayor of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, has been ousted by the High Court after it found he had rigged his election by using religious intimidation to compel voters to back him. He is the first person since the 19th century to be found guilty of unlawful religious influence. He is to be reported to the Solicitors Regulation Authority, and also faces bankruptcy with legal costs estimated at GBP 1 million.

Cases referred: Erlam v Rahman~ [2015] EWHC 1215 (QB) (QBD)

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