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LATEST CONSORTIUM NEWS

Thomson Reuters New Offer for Consortium Members

We are pleased to announce that we are in the final process of agreeing a new framework agreement with Thomson Reuters, who are now in a position to enhance their offering moving forward as well as maintaining the competitive discount that the North West Legal Consortium have achieved. They are continuing with the Westlaw UK core services, in order to provide the most up to date primary law, through fully consolidated legislation and case analysis, as well as expert commentary, through key local government titles. The framework is further being enhanced with the inclusion of Practical Law and so providing an incredibly powerful end to end legal research solution.

The framework agreement will be sent out shortly to all North West Legal Consortium members and then your TR Account Manager is on hand to answer any questions that you have. His contact details are as follows:

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AND A FURTHER CONSORTIUM OFFER – FROM THE LAW SOCIETY GAZETTE

In the second of her articles for NWLC, Dawn Hare, Senior Recruitment Sales Executive at the Law Society Gazette explains:

How the Law Society Gazette can help with your legal recruitment

You may not be aware how much the Gazette has to offer when it comes to recruitment advertising so we thought we'd let you know...

Unique Audience

The Gazette's unique and unrivalled print circulation reaches every practising solicitor in England and Wales - that translates into over 109,000* solicitors and is a great way to reach out to talented passive candidates who may not be looking on jobs boards.

Online, over 57,000* unique monthly browsers use www.lawgazettejobs.co.uk alone and with over 308,000* unique monthly browsers across the Gazette network, you can really gain from our professional reach with broadcast options or tailored practice-specific targeting

*Our audience figures are independently verified by the Audit Bureau of Certification (ABC) so you can rely on their validity when making important media choices.



Choosing your options

Advertising options don't have to be a choice between print or online job listings - we offer a variety of ways to reach candidates:

- **Targeted Emails** - send a branded email with the details of your job(s) to a specific set of registered jobseekers that can be narrowed down using criteria such as practice area, PQE & location. This is great for hard-to-fill roles
- **Job of the Week** – take a high-profile slot, on the Gazette Daily News email broadcast Monday - Friday to over 160,000 legal professionals - when you've got a limited budget, this is an ideal way to reach passive candidates when taken in addition to an online job listing.
- **Premier Job** - presented on the main Gazette editorial homepages, this slot enables you to showcase your role to passive, engaged candidates. Linking directly to your listed role, this really raises the profile of key roles

Advertise direct with us for the best offers and coverage!

- **Online included with print** - When you place a print advertisement directly you get one bronze listing online included at no extra cost. If placing an advert via a consultant online coverage is not included.
- **Free ad setting** - We can set basic artwork for you when booking directly. There is no cost for this and we are happy to follow your style/brand guidelines as we know how important this is to your response.
- **15% discount off rate card** - As a member of the North West Legal Consortium, until 31st October 2016 we offer a 15% discount off the rate card when you book directly. Please mention your membership at the time of booking to ensure we apply the discount to enhance cost effectiveness still further!

We offer a variety of recruitment advertising options - what's outlined here is only a small selection and we're always happy to talk over the best campaign for your role and your budget!

If you currently place your ads in the Gazette through recruiters please contact Dawn to discuss how the offer might work for you.

Dawn can be contacted by e-mail at dawn.hare@lawsociety.org.uk

FREE CONSORTIUM TRAINING

We are adding to our Training Programme offer for all members into the New Year.

So don't forget that all the training is **free**, carries CPD points and is open to legal staff at member organisations as well as to client department staff.

All the details and for bookings its through the website please, courses page at www.nwlegalconsortium.com



REMINDERS

Solicitors Framework ...we are getting there!

As you know the current Consortium Solicitors Framework ends on 31st March 2016. We are currently in the midst of our procurement so we'll keep you posted on progress with this important piece of work in 2016..

Consortium Collaboration Agreement

Each Consortium member organisation has signed up to an agreement with Sefton Council, as lead organisation to commit to collaborating through the NWLC.

These agreements also end on 31st March 2016. So in a effort to get this issue sorted ahead of time we will be circulating a new agreement to heads of service at member organisations for signature in the next couple of months.

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 health checks 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 health check as to what each authority uses the Consortium for etc and how best we can assist.

NEW ROLES UP FOR GRABS?

Does your authority want to advertise your vacancies on the website for free?

If so contact Beryl Heath on bh_nwlconsortium@btinternet.com



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/>

HO HO HO, CHRISTMAS IS ON ITS WAY!

Everyone loves a good selfie and this year we would like **YOU** to take a #FestiveSelfie in support of the North West Air Ambulance Charity. We want to raise funds and awareness via our social media channels.

How to get involved

- Firstly, get in the festive spirit on Wednesday 9th December.
- Wear a festive hat, dig out your Christmas jumper, paint your face or go all out and dress as an elf!
- Get creative and take your #FestiveSelfie.
- Email your Selfie to louise.lloyd@nwaa.net and we will post it on our social media sites.
- Now, here's the most important part, don't forget to make your donation. It's really simple, text **NWAA15 £3 to 70070**. Those of you who want to increase their donation can alter the text amount to either £5 or £10. Every penny helps and is much appreciated.

Thank you so much and from all of at the North West Air Ambulance Charity wishing you a very Merry Christmas.





NWLC MONTHLY LEGAL UPDATER

POWERED BY THOMSON REUTERS

01/11/15 – 01/12/15

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. LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Homelessness; Housing provision; Local authorities' powers and duties; Priority needs; Statutory interpretation.

R. (on the application of Brooks) v Islington LBC. [2015] EWHC 2657 (Admin). Queen's Bench Division (Administrative Court) (QBD (Admin)). Lewis, J.. September 22, 2015

The court construed the Housing Act 1996 s.188 to determine whether a local authority's temporary duty to secure the provision of accommodation ended where it was satisfied that the claimant had refused an offer of suitable accommodation. The local authority had performed its s.188 duty where accommodation had been offered, subject to a material change of circumstances, but the duty continued pending notification of the final decision of whether a duty existed under another provision of the Act.

Application refused

MENTAL HEALTH. HEALTH.

Life-sustaining treatment; Persons lacking capacity.

Wye Valley NHS Trust v B. [2015] EWCOP 60. Court of Protection (CP). Peter Jackson, J.. September 28, 2015

It was not in the best interests of a 73-year-old man who lacked capacity to sanction the amputation of his severely infected leg, even though not undergoing the operation would lead to his death. He was strongly opposed to the operation, and it was of great importance to give proper weight to his wishes and feelings.

Application refused





LEGISLATION

FAMILY LAW.

Childcare; Childcare costs; Local authorities' powers and duties.

Childcare Bill 2015 (HL Bill 9).

A Bill to make provision about free childcare for young children of working parents and about the publication of information about childcare and related matters by local authorities in England.

Website: <http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2015-16/childcare/documents.html> [Accessed June 2, 2015]

Hansard: HL Vol 762 cols 161 (1st Reading), 1081 (2nd Reading), 2074,2141 (Committee Stage); Vol 765 col 235 (Report Stage)

Lords 1st Reading: 1/6/2015; 2nd Reading: 16/6/2015; Committee Stage: 1/7/2015, 6/7/2015; Report Stage: 14/10/2015; 3rd Reading: 26/10/2015 provisional

Legislation referred: Childcare Bill 2015

HOUSING. PLANNING.

Compulsory purchase; Estate agents; Housing; Planning; Rentcharges.

Housing and Planning Bill 2015 (HC Bill 75).

A Bill to make provision about housing, estate agents, rent charges, planning and compulsory purchase.

Website: <http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2015-16/housingandplanning/documents.html> [Accessed October 14, 2015]

Hansard: HC Vol 600 col 188 (1st Reading)

Commons 1st Reading: 13/10/2015; 2nd Reading: 14/10/2015 provisional

GOVERNMENTAL AND REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS

PLANNING. HOUSING; LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Affordable housing; Brownfield sites; Local authorities' powers and duties; Local plans; Planning permission.

Prime Minister: Councils must deliver local plans for new homes by 2017. By Prime Minister's Office; 10 Downing Street; Department for Communities and Local Government. 12 October 2015

On 12 October 2015, the Prime Minister will announce that he expects all councils to produce local plans for new homes in their area by 2017, or the Government will ensure, in consultation with local people, those plans are produced for them. The proposal will be announced ahead of the publication of the Housing Bill, which provides for a new legal duty on councils to guarantee the delivery of starter homes and automatic planning permission in principle on brownfield sites.

Website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-councils-must-deliver-local-plans-for-new-homes-by-2017> [Accessed October 12, 2015]

Legislation referred: Housing Bill (Draft)



LANDLORD AND TENANT.

Fitness for habitation; Landlords' duties; Local authorities' powers and duties; Standards.

Homes (Fitness for Human Habitation) Bill [Bill 15 of 2015-16] - Briefing Paper. Issued by House of Commons Library. 7328 13 October 2015

A House of Commons Library Briefing Paper on the Homes (Fitness for Human Habitation) Bill 2015 sets out the law in relation to landlords' obligations to maintain properties at a standard fit for human habitation. It looks at the rules set out in the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985, as well as how the Bill seeks to amend these. It also examines the additional powers in place for local authorities to enforce property standards.

Website: <http://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/CBP-7328/CBP-7328.pdf>
[Accessed October 13, 2015]

Legislation referred: Homes (Fitness for Human Habitation) Bill 2015; Landlord and Tenant Act 1985

NEWS ARTICLE

HEALTH. LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Care; Care plans; Elderly persons; Local authorities' powers and duties; National Institute for Health and Care Excellence.

Watchdog tells councils to stop 15-minute care visits. *Times*, 23 September 2015, 1,9. By Rosemary Bennett. Also Reported in Daily Telegraph, 23 September 2015, 1,2

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence has told local authorities (LAs) that visits to the sick and elderly lasting 15 minutes or less must end. Seventy-five per cent of LAs commissioned the short visits in 2014, compared with 66 per cent in 2013. The "15-minute care visits" make up one in seven of all home care visits commissioned by LAs.