



YOUR MONTHLY E-BULLETIN

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LATEST CONSORTIUM NEWS

NWLC Survey Launched

As part of their work the Consortium PR and Web Group have published a short on-line survey asking all staff from our member organisations about their use of the Consortium and its benefits. The survey results are going to be reported through and will inform the Consortium Board's meeting to look at the strategy of the Consortium going forward.

Just follow the link to take part

<https://response.guestback.com/dacbeachcroftllp/nwlc2016> and just as a sweetener all those responding by 17th October will automatically be entered into a free draw for £25 Marks and Spencer's voucher.

Your help and feedback is appreciated.

NWLC MANAGEMENT BOARD STRATEGY MEETING 2ND NOVEMBER 2016

On 2nd November your Consortium Board are meeting together with the members of the PR and Web Group to consider and decide upon the future direction for your Consortium and to set objectives for the work of the Consortium in the next few years.

Your survey responses will feed into that debate but if you want to contribute more directly to the debate please feel free to e-mail Beryl Heath on bh_nwlconsortium@btinternet.com with your views and/or let her know if you wish to come along to the meeting itself.

WHAT A DAY WE HAD! 2016 ANNUAL TRAINING EVENT

We welcomed almost 100 delegates to your Consortium Annual Training Event at the Langtree Stadium in St Helens on **Tuesday 20th September**.

Our thanks go to our speakers, to the partner firms for providing the afternoon training sessions, to our exhibitors and to Geldards who organised the whole event for us this year.

For those who missed out on the day all the presentations from the morning sessions and the training in the afternoon can be found in the documents area of the website.

We had our usual raffle in aid of our nominated charity, the **NWAA** and this year we raised **almost £250** for the important work of the charity.

NWLC PRACTICE MANAGERS GROUP

The Group will meet again on 17th October where the agenda will be based around Business Continuity Planning – both practice and theory and we've also got a presentation on Legal Apprenticeships too!

On 9th February we have Performance Measurement as our topic for the day.

In addition we have a Risk Management workshop on 17th November in Rochdale and we'll be keeping an eye at each session on updates from the SRA – with changes pending this will serve



us well.

If you or a colleague wishes to join the Group that's absolutely fine – we'd welcome further input from Practice Management /Business Development colleagues as well as legal practitioners.

All the presentations from the session we held on the 30th June are available in the Documents area of the website. At the event, we heard from Damon Swindell about the Lexcel 6 standard- Damon is an independent Lexcel assessor amongst other things! His website at <http://www.lawrisk.co.uk> explains what he offers and we are delighted to be welcoming Damon back to lead the Risk Management session in November.

Consortium Offer

Solicitor/Advocate Services available to local authorities

Nicola Hartley obtained her Higher Rights of Audience in Criminal Advocacy in July 2012 which entitles her to exercise rights of audience in all criminal proceedings in the higher courts. South Lakeland District Council would like to offer her services as a Crown Court solicitor advocate to any Council that wishes to save money on counsel's fees. Nicola is an experienced advocate having dealt with in a range of criminal prosecutions, including food hygiene, revenues and benefits fraud, environmental offences and health and safety.

Please contact **Anthea Lowe** Solicitor to the Council

on anthea.lowe@southlakeland.gvo.uk on 01539 793305 if you wish to wish to make further enquiries.”

REMINDERS

FREE Consortium Training

The new Consortium Annual Training Programme is now available and loaded to the website – courses page.

You can now book yourselves colleagues or clients on to the courses available through the website.

Coming up we've got:

- Geldards with General Employment/TUPE on 12th October in Warrington
- Hill Dickinson with Information Governance Part 1 ,DPA on 19th October in Liverpool
- Weightmans with Health and Social Care on 9th November in Liverpool
- DACBeachcroft with Commercial Contracts and Procurement on 16th November in Manchester

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

From this month we are introducing **on-line feedback arrangements** – so if you attend one of our courses you'll receive an on-line feedback request – please complete the feedback – its all to help us to help you!



And of course there's also the Practice Managers Group meeting in Manchester on 17th October –and the Risk Management training in Rochdale on 17th November. Agendas/programmes both loaded to the website now.

There's a lot in store for everyone

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

Website Authorised Users - Are all your colleagues signed up to use the Consortium website?

There is no limit on the number of users that each member organisation can register.

Some organisations have registered all their legal staff, others have been selective.


If on reflection and so that all staff can appreciate the benefits of using the Consortium website you want to add new users we will need the approval of the Head of Service but from there we will sort it out for you!

Please either complete the form on the home page of the website or contact Beryl Heath on bh_nwlconsortium@btinternet.com to add more authorised users for your organisation

COURSE MATERIALS

If you or your colleagues have missed out on one or more of our Consortium training sessions (including presentations at the Annual Training Event) you might find it helpful to see the slides/presentation from the session.

These are all available in the documents area of the website at www.nwlegalconsortium.com

Website Log In If you are an authorised user and you do not think you have received your website log in details then do get in touch with either Brian Gibson on  bson2@msn.com or Beryl Heath at bh_nwlconsortium@btinternet.com and we'll do all we can to assist you.

NEW ROLES UP FOR GRABS?

We publish a range of vacancies on the website jobs page at www.nwlegalconsortium.com/jobs



NWLC NOMINATED CHARITY OF THE YEAR

Please support the North West Air Ambulance Charity

For the Charity's latest events go to: nwaa.net



1. Bring the magic of Christmas to your friends and family by visiting our online Christmas Shop today.

This year's collection is brimming with gift-worthy items at great prices and special offers to help you bring the magic of Christmas to your friends and family. We have Christmas cards, home decorations, accessories, jewellery and children's gifts. A gift from your North West Air Ambulance Charity keeps on giving, as we work 365 days a year to save lives all over the region. Order today at www.nwaa.net/shop.

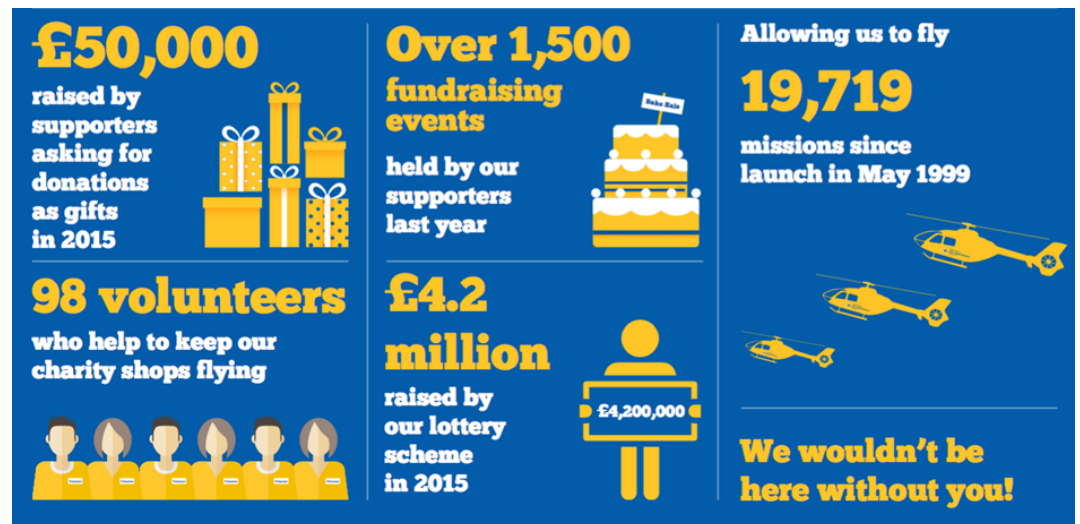
2. A big thank you from North West Air Ambulance Charity for all your support.

The last week in September saw us celebrate National Air Ambulance Week - a perfect excuse to celebrate the hard work of Air Ambulances all over the country!

Here at your North West Air Ambulance Charity, our supporters held over 1,500 fundraising events last year, £4.2 million was raised by our lottery scheme, £50,000 was raised by supporters asking for donations as gifts and 98 volunteers helped to keep our charity shops flying.

All of this has allowed us to fly 19,719 missions since May 1999...

...we really wouldn't be here without you!





3. Helicopter Re-Brand. The North West Air Ambulance Charity Helicopters take to the skies with a striking new look.

Meanwhile, we can also reveal that our three helicopters will soon receive an exciting new look – the first makeover for the fleet in 17 years! Helimed 75 has already been brought in line with the rest of the aircraft to become yellow later this year, and with that will come a fantastic redesign for all three helicopters.

The new design has already made its debut on our Barton-based helicopter, Helimed 72, in August and others will follow later in the year with a view for all to be complete by the end of October.

We have long since wanted to unify all three aircraft, as we know they represent a beacon and help to raise awareness of our lifesaving work throughout the region. As Helimed 75 was already due a re-spray, we have taken the opportunity to update and enhance all three aircraft, to ensure we remain consistent, instantly recognisable and can be there for patients across the North West for years to come.

We have worked hard during a year-long consultation period, which has helped us reach the decision of a new design for all three helicopters. As it offers hope and relates to acquired knowledge, yellow will remain the dominant colour, and we will also introduce a striking blue tail, chevrons and the medically-associated cross, so it will be clear to see that each aircraft is part of the North West Air Ambulance Charity from all angles.





4. NWAA welcomes new chief executive

Heather Arrowsmith joins as Chief Executive and a distinctive new design rolled out across our fleet of lifesaving helicopters!

Heather joins from St John Ambulance, which she led from county to regional management and through a highly successful governance review over seven years. With a true passion for lifesaving and a highly strategic outlook, Heather will work to ensure your local air ambulance charity continues to provide a top-quality service with a long-term plan that is built to last.

Heather says: "I'm looking forward to getting to know how this amazing organisation works in order to make positive change on the ground. My experience has taught me that saving lives isn't just down to the pilots and paramedics; everyone is a lifesaver and it's about working together so that every journey with the North West Air Ambulance Charity – whether as a patient, a family member or friend, a volunteer or a staff member – is a positive one."



Heather Arrowsmith, Chief Executive



NWLC MONTHLY LEGAL UPDATER

POWERED BY THOMSON REUTERS

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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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CASE LAW

FAMILY LAW. *Civil procedure; Legal advice and funding.*

Civil legal aid; Inherent jurisdiction; Non-molestation orders; Powers of arrest; Vulnerable adults.

D (Inherent Jurisdiction: Power of Arrest), Re. [2016] EWHC 2358 (Fam).
Family Court (Fam Ct) (Fam Ct). Judge Clifford Bellamy. September 28, 2016

The High Court had no inherent jurisdiction to attach a power of arrest to a non-molestation injunction to protect a vulnerable adult with capacity.

Judgment accordingly

NEWS ARTICLES

HOUSING. *Landlord and tenant; Local government.*

Homelessness; Local authorities' powers and duties;
Protection from eviction.

Ministers consider new bill on homelessness. *Independent*, 3 October 2016
(*Online edition*). By Jon Stone.

Ministers are considering giving their support to the Homelessness Reduction Bill 2016, put forward by backbencher Bob Blackman. It would require councils to help people deemed likely to become homeless within 56 days. Under the Bill, a section 21 notice, effectively an eviction notice, would be deemed to put someone at risk of homelessness. A House of Commons debate on the Bill is due soon.

Legislation referred: Homelessness Reduction Bill 2016



CASE LAW

R (on the application of AI) v HARINGEY LONDON BOROUGH COUNCIL (2016).

A local authority had done all that was reasonably practicable to discharge its duty under the Children Act 1989 s.20 to provide accommodation to a 17-year-old boy who repeatedly refused to be placed.

SOCIAL WELFARE - LOCAL GOVERNMENT

QBD (Admin) (Timothy Straker QC) 16/09/2016

References: LTL 26/9/2016 EXTEMPORE

Document No.: Case Law - AC9601945

Website: www.lawtel.com/MyLawtel/Documents/AC9601945

LEGISLATION

PENSIONS. *Local government.*

Investments; Local government; Pension funds; Pension schemes; Pensions management.

The Local Government Pension Scheme (Management and Investment of Funds) Regulations 2016. SI 2016/946

These Regulations make provision in relation to the management and investment of pension funds held by administering authorities required to maintain such funds by the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013.

Website: www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2016/946/pdfs/uksi_20160946_en.pdf
[Accessed 23 September 2016]

In Force: 1 November 2016

Made under Public Service Pensions Act 2013 s.1(1), s.3(1)(4), Sch.3

Legislation amended: Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 (SI 2013/2356)

Legislation repealed: Local Government Pension Scheme (Management and Investment of Funds) Regulations 2009 (SI 2009/3093); Local Government Pension Scheme (Management and Investment of Funds) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 (SI 2013/410)



GOVERNMENT AND REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS

MENTAL HEALTH.

Funding; Health care Mental Health.

Improving access to mental health services: Sixteenth Report of Session 2016-17. Issued by House of Commons Committee of Public Accounts. HC Paper No.80 (Session 2016/17) 21 September 2016

A Committee of Public Accounts report states that, whilst the Government has a "laudable ambition" to improve mental health services, there remains some scepticism surrounding whether it is affordable or achievable without compromising other services. It recommends that: the Department of Health and NHS England collect and properly understand, by the start of 2017-18, the cost and performance data they need to improve services; and the Government develops an effective strategy to integrate health services to ensure continuity of care for those with mental health problems..

Website:

www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201617/cmselect/cmpubacc/80/80.pdf

[Accessed 21 September 2016]