



YOUR MONTHLY E-BULLETIN

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LATEST CONSORTIUM NEWS

Highlights from your NWLC Management Board Strategy Meeting 2nd November 2016 include the following agreement to:

- Consider cautious expansion only to work alongside consolidating and promoting the Consortium offer to current membership
- Investigate and plan how inter organisational support might work and be facilitated through the Consortium website
- Improve reporting on success through our own website and from collection of information from suppliers
- Promote the use of added value through the partner solicitors firms
- Ask member organisations to appoint a comms lead/champion for NWLC matters
- Encourage the registering of specialisms of registered users
- To improve alerts/messaging for forthcoming training courses

We will now be working on these areas and reporting on progress will appear in future bulletins. Interesting times ahead!

NWLC Practice Managers Group

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

On 9th February we have Performance Measurement and Benchmarking as our topic for the day. More details of the programme for the day will be announced shortly on the website.

Course Materials

If you or your colleagues have missed out on one or more of our Consortium training sessions 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

AND ALSO Those of you who are regular attenders at our NWLC Annual Training Day may remember Ann Charlton from Lawcare presenting to us.

Ann got in touch recently to remind me about what the charity provides.



LawCare

Supporting the Legal Community

LawCare is the charity that supports and promotes good mental health and wellbeing in the legal community throughout the UK, Ireland, Isle of Man and Jersey. Our mission is to help the legal community with personal or professional concerns that may be affecting their mental health and wellbeing, and to promote understanding of how and when to seek help, without fear or stigma.

We are here to help all branches of the legal profession, and our free, independent and confidential Helpline is available to all, including families and support staff. Calls and emails to the LawCare helpline are answered by trained staff and volunteers who have first-hand experience of working in the law. We understand life in the law, and are here to listen and offer emotional support. We can signpost to other support agencies too.

We also have a range of downloadable factsheets and other resources on our website, as well as real stories of people in the law who have had issues and come through them.

Call our Helpline on 0800 2796888 or visit www.lawcare.org.uk

REMINDERS

Solicitor/Advocate Services available to member organisations

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.gov.uk on 01539 793305 if you wish to wish to make further enquiries."

FREE Consortium Training

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

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

Coming up in the New Year we've got:

Geldards on 18 January presenting Procurement and Challenges/Judicial Review at the Halliwell Jones Stadium in Warrington

Weightmans presenting Local Government Monitoring Officer in Manchester on 8 February

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

Theres lots in store for everyone!

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



And don't forget if you have booked on to a course and can't make it after all there is a facility to cancel your booking. Simply go the website secure area and click on 'Manage Your Bookings' to see a button to cancel your place or places you have booked for colleagues and clients.

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

Website Log In If you are an authorised user and you do not think you have received your new website log in details then do get in touch with either Brian Gibson on briangibson2@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 <http://www.nwlegalconsortium.com/jobs/>

Interested? Find out more 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

YOU CAN NOW FOLLOW US ON TWITTER



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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: nwaa.net



Merry Christmas from everyone at the North West Air Ambulance Charity. We really appreciate your support throughout 2016 and hope you all have a fantastic festive period and a very happy new year.

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. Behind the scenes with our crew - Mark Etherington one of our longest-serving and most experienced HEMS paramedics discusses how the crew deal with the wintery conditions



As the nights draw in and the weather takes a turn for the worse, we are faced with a completely new set of challenges when carrying out lifesaving missions across the North West. After seven years at the charity, I know first-hand how adverse winter conditions can add extra pressure to rescue situations, and always advise everybody to take additional care when out and about at this time of year.

We often land a little way from our patients so examining injuries can be far harder as we are conscious about the dangers of exposing trauma patients to the cold. I can recall one incident several years ago, in which a gentleman had injured himself whilst out walking. We landed on top of a mountain in the snow but, due to the quickly disappearing light, we only had 30mins to find the patient, treat and stabilise him, then bring him back to the aircraft before it was too dark for the helicopter to take off safely. In these instances, we are incredibly grateful for the help of other services such as the Mountain Rescue, who are on hand to assist in those tricky situations – we make a good team! We got the patient to hospital and thankfully he made a full recovery.



It's vital that we have proper personal equipment to protect us from the cold weather, such as waterproof jackets, boots, gloves, hats, lots of layers and even long johns. Our equipment must also be adapted to ensure that we can treat patients appropriately at the scene. Not only is it distressing to be in the cold, especially when injured, but it also worsens outcomes for patients. To combat this, we use heated blizzard blankets, which are expensive but worth every penny. This winter alone we will spend over £3,000 on vital heated blankets – and we couldn't do it without the support of people like you!

Your donations ensure that we can continue to reach people in their time of need this winter, and we're so grateful for any gift you can give – large or small! This December, we're launching #FlyingFestive, a Christmas makeover which will allow you to decorate your pictures with a festive filter whilst donating money to our charity. Get involved by clicking [here](#).

3. Ready for new challenges and new horizons?



You could join us in the sunshine with a NWAA charity cycle from Vietnam to Cambodia in March 2017. This 400km cycle route will take you from Ho Chi Minh City to the ancient temples of Angkor Wat between 4th & 14th March 2017.

We are here to support you with every step, pedal or jump along the way. Whether you are doing your own thing or want more information on this event email us at fundraising@nwaa.net or call 0800 587 4570 to register and we will provide you with a challenge event pack which includes; your sponsor forms, hints and tips to help you smash your fundraising targets, tattoos and a free t-shirt to wear with pride at your event!

It's your fundraising efforts that help us to remain a North West lifeline, 365 days a year. Find out more here <https://nwaa.net/challenge-events/>