



# YOUR MONTHLY E-BULLETIN

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## LATEST CONSORTIUM NEWS

### Your Membership Spend and Savings - Solicitors Framework

As you may know we now collect regular performance reports from the law firms appointed to the Solicitors Framework.

We are now able to compare year on year spend through the framework – so in the first two years of the latest framework those important numbers are as follows:

In 2016/17 you collectively spent over £2.2 million through 129 commissions, resulting in estimated savings of £425k.

In 2017/18 you collectively spent just under £4 million through 669 commissions, resulting in estimated savings of over £700k.

Thanks to you all in supporting the framework and generating these cost savings in addition to those important resource efficiencies, saving your time and energies for other tasks.

### 2018 Annual Training Event – 2 October 2018

#### Draft Updated Programme now published

Your 2018 Annual Training Event will take place on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** at the Saints Rugby Stadium in St Helens.

We are delighted this year to be welcoming back Andy Whittaker from Art of Brilliance.

[www.artofbrilliance.co.uk/meet-the-team/andy-whittaker](http://www.artofbrilliance.co.uk/meet-the-team/andy-whittaker)

In addition we welcome Brigadier J A J Thomson OBE QVRM TD MSc who will be giving us the benefit of his vast experience both in the armed forces and in civilian life in getting the best out of people for both themselves and the organisation.

And Elizabeth Rimmer, CEO of Lawcare will be with us asking **‘Why Mental Health Matters for Lawyers?’**

In the afternoon we will move to more training from our partner firms but the afternoon will start with a plenary session from Jonathan Aubrey of 11KBW dealing with Judicial Review matters.

Over 30 people have already reserved their place for the day – will you be joining them?

You can reserve your place right now by going to the website at [www.nwlegalconsortium.com](http://www.nwlegalconsortium.com)



#### And we are now on FACEBOOK!

Facebook will be an excellent facility for us to get messages to you all in addition to the website – so why not connect with us today?

[www.facebook.com/NWLegalConsortium](https://www.facebook.com/NWLegalConsortium)



## **YOUR NEW AND FREE CONSORTIUM TRAINING PROGRAMME IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION!**

Thank you so much to all of you who responded to the Annual Training Survey this year.

We had a very good set of responses and this now gives our partner law firms something really solid and helpful to work with in coming up with the new programme which will start in the Autumn.

All the detail as it emerges will be published to the website courses page.

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

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.

And finally a request....

**Booked on to a training course or the Annual Training Event but now find that you can't make it?**

If this happens to you.....and it might and it does, please try to let us know as soon as you can.

There is a facility to manage your bookings on the website – just click on 'Manage your Bookings'. If you can cancel your place please do so with as much notice as possible.

Or call or email Beryl or Brian to let us know not to expect you. It really does help us to manage the training better and shows respect for the trainers and other colleagues.

Many thanks.

## **REMINDERS**

### **Course Materials**

If you or your colleagues have missed out on one or more of our Consortium training sessions or the sessions 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](http://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 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](mailto:bh_nwlconsortium@btinternet.com) to add more authorised users for your organisation



Also, if you have staff leaving you please let us know and we will keep your user list up to date.

**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 [briangibson2@msn.com](mailto:briangibson2@msn.com) or Beryl Heath at [bh\\_nwlconsortium@btinternet.com](mailto: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/](http://www.nwlegalconsortium.com/jobs/)

If your authority wants to advertise any vacancies on the website for free contact Beryl Heath on [bh\\_nwlconsortium@btinternet.com](mailto: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: [nwaa.net](http://nwaa.net)



Fire crews are continuing to battle a rapidly developing and aggressive fire on moorland across Lancashire. Whilst this has not stopped us from flying, our crew are actively trying to avoid the area where possible and are flying alternative routes to attend incidents. Andy Duncan, HEMS, Team Leader says:

'We are mindful of the fire and the resulting smoke not inhibiting our operations. We are giving both areas a wide berth to allow specialist teams to tackle the fire. We will only go the area if called to assist medically. We wholeheartedly respect all the staff currently working in such incredibly difficult conditions.'

The impact the fire has had on the region and our flight path can be seen in the above photo taken by our HEMS paramedic Janet



## National Volunteering Week



National Volunteers' Week is celebrated every year 1st – 7th June, this year we wanted to thank all our amazing volunteers for all their hard work and commitment to our charity. Each month, our volunteers donate over 1,500 hours of their collective time. We estimate that, this year alone, our volunteers will have given over 20,000 hours!

This year during volunteers' week, we travelled around each of our 9 retail stores and invited our volunteers to come along for tea and cake as a little thank you. Our volunteers are so important to NWAA and, as a small token of our appreciation, each volunteer received a thank you certificate and pin badge in recognition.

We have lots of volunteer roles available, to find out more or to sign up as an NWAA volunteer please contact our Volunteer Development Manager, Rebecca, on 0151 547 7830 or email [volunteer@nwaa.net](mailto:volunteer@nwaa.net)

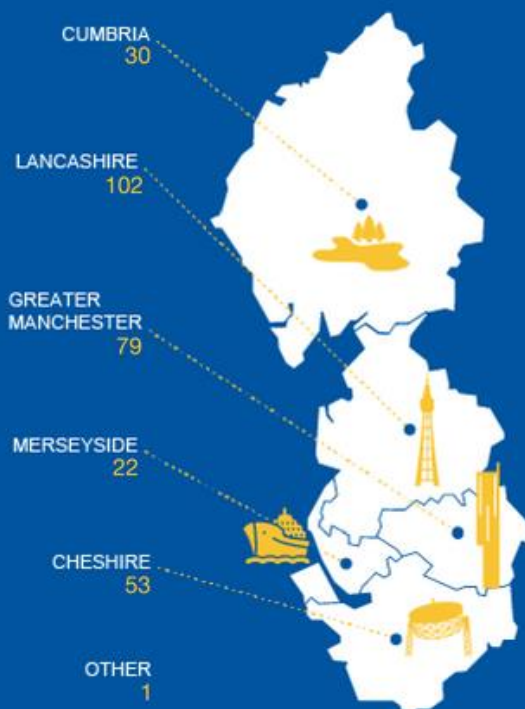






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## Mission Tracker: June 2018



**295 Missions**

**92 Road Traffic Collisions**

**3 Sport / Leisure**

**33 Medical**

**0 Fall**

**0 Industrial**

**11 Hospital Transfers**

**156 Other**

**Total to date**  
**Apr - June 756**

**Help us to keep saving lives across the  
North West - Donate Today!**



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# Events



NORTH WEST  
Air Ambulance  
CHARITY

## Walk the Big One

**12th  
October  
2018**



**Are you brave enough to  
take on the 'Big One' for  
NWAA?**

Visit: [NWAA.NET/challenge - events](http://NWAA.NET/challenge-events) Phone: 0800 587 4570  
Registered Charity Number: 1075641

### Walk the Big One!

Are you brave enough to walk the track of the UK's tallest roller coaster with North West Air Ambulance Charity and help to keep our helicopters flying and saving lives?

It's your chance to experience a completely different type of thrill on the world famous Big One roller coaster with a unique view from the highest point at 235ft!

You'll be escorted up the 420 step climb, of one of the most iconic roller coasters, to the summit where you will take in the best view of the Blackpool illuminations, the 42-acre amusement park and the Fylde Coast before walking back down.

[Click here to secure your place now!](#)



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## Volunteers Needed



Our Fundraising Team are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help out at events and bucket collections at pre-booked locations across the North West. This is an exciting and varied role; we usually ask for 2 hour shifts but times are flexible.

For more information, or to sign up for an event, visit our [website](#), call 0151 547 7830 or email [volunteer@nwaa.net](mailto:volunteer@nwaa.net)

- 2nd and 3rd August – Sutton Hall, Macclesfield
- 4th August - Tesco, Cables Retail Park, Prescot
- 22nd September - Tranmere Rovers Football Club

**Despite the rain, I had a great evening collecting money. It was so lovely to talk about North West Air Ambulance, people were really interested in learning more and some even came over to share their experiences with us**

**Ali**  
Collections volunteer

## Coming soon...



## BREW WITH THE CREW

**Did you know that the NWAA can deliver presentations about our life saving work to your local group, club or school? For more information or to book one in contact: [fundraising@nwaa.net](mailto:fundraising@nwaa.net).**







# 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](http://westlaw.co.uk) or [uk.practicallaw.com](http://uk.practicallaw.com)



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## CASE REPORTS

### **FAMILY LAW. *Local government; Human rights.***

#### **Child protection; Children's welfare; Local authorities' powers and duties; Parental consent; Right to respect for private and family life.**

*Williams v Hackney LBC. [2018] UKSC 37.* Supreme Court (SC). Lady Hale PSC; Lord Kerr JSC; Lord Wilson JSC; Lord Carnwath JSC; Lady Black JSC. July 18, 2018

There was a lawful basis for the continued accommodation of eight children in foster care under the Children Act 1989 s.20, where their parents had not objected or unequivocally requested their immediate return. However, there were circumstances in which a real and voluntary delegation of the exercise of parental responsibility was required for a local authority to accommodate a child under s.20.

Appeal dismissed

### **HOUSING. *Local government.***

#### **Homelessness; Letters; Local housing authorities' powers and duties; Notification; Reviews.**

*Kamara v Southwark LBC. [2018] EWCA Civ 1616.* Court of Appeal (Civil Division) (CA (Civ Div)). Patten LJ; David Richards LJ. July 12, 2018

Where a local authority's reviewing officer sent a letter indicating an intention to make a decision contrary to the interests of an applicant for homelessness assistance on a review under the Housing Act 1996 s.202, the Allocation of Housing and Homelessness (Review Procedures) Regulations 1999 reg.8(2) did not require the letter to specify in terms that the applicant could make representations to the reviewer orally at a face-to-face meeting.

Appeals dismissed



**SOCIAL WELFARE. *Local government; Mental health.***  
**Care plans; Local authorities' powers and duties; Needs assessments; Schizophrenia.**

R. (on the application of M) v Brent LBC. 2018 WL 03117167. Queen's Bench Division (Administrative Court) (QBD (Admin)). Steven Kovats QC. June 22, 2018

A local authority had been entitled to propose a reduction in the care package of an individual who suffered from schizophrenia, subject to ongoing reviews. There was no principle of law that a care package could not be reduced until a care plan under the Care Act 2014 s.25 had been put in place.

Application refused

## **LEGISLATION**

**ENVIRONMENT. *Local government.***  
**Air pollution; Air quality; Environmental policy; Local authorities' powers and duties.**

Clean Air (Human Rights) Bill 2018 (HL Bill 118).

A Bill to establish the right to breathe clean air; to require the Secretary of State to achieve and maintain clean air in England and Wales; to involve Public Health England in setting and reviewing pollutants and their limits; to enhance the powers, duties and functions of the Environment Agency, the Committee on Climate Change, local authorities (including port authorities), the Civil Aviation Authority, Highways England, Historic England and Natural England in relation to air pollution; to establish the Citizens' Commission for Clean Air with powers to institute or intervene in legal proceedings; to require the Secretary of State and the relevant national authorities to apply environmental principles in carrying out their duties under this Act and the clean air enactments; and for connected purposes.

Website: <https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/cleanairhumanrights/documents.html>  
[Accessed at 6 July 2018]

Hansard: HL Vol 792 col 644 (1st Reading)

Lords 1st Reading: 5/7/2018; 2nd Reading: Date to be announced

**HOUSING. *Landlord and tenant.***  
**Commencement; Registered social landlords; Regulation; Transitional provisions; Wales.**

Regulation of Registered Social Landlords (Wales) Act 2018 (Commencement and Transitional Provision) Order 2018. SI 777

This Order brings into force provisions of the Regulation of Registered Social Landlords (Wales) Act 2018. Article 2 appoints 15 June 2018 as the coming into force date of ss.1, 2 and 18 of the Act which are technical provisions, and the power to make consequential amendments etc. Article 3 appoints 15 August 2018 as the coming into force date for any provision of the Act to the extent that it has not already been commenced before this date.

In Force: Brings into force various provisions of the 2018 Act on 15 June 2018 and 15 August 2018

Made under Regulation of Registered Social Landlords (Wales) Act 2018 s.19(2)(3)



## GOVERNMENT AND REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS

### MENTAL HEALTH.

#### Deprivation of liberty safeguards.

The Right to Freedom and Safety: Reform of the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards: Seventh Report of Session 2017-19. Issued by House of Lords and House of Commons Joint Committee on Human Rights. HC Paper No.890 (Session 2017/19); HL Paper No.161 (Session 2017/19) 29 June 2018

A Joint Committee on Human Rights report examines the Law Commission's proposals to reform the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards scheme and states that the current system is broken and that urgent action is needed. The Committee recommends that legislation is brought forward to implement the Law Commission's Liberty Protection Safeguards which would authorise the specific arrangements that give rise to the deprivation of liberty, but in a lighter touch way than the current scheme.

Website: <https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/lt201719/ltselect/ltights/890/890.pdf> [Accessed at 29 June 2018]; <https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/joint-select/human-rights-committee/news-parliament-2017/right-to-freedom-and-safety-report-published-17-19/> [Accessed 29 June 2018]

### HEALTH. *Local government.*

#### Health care; Local authorities' powers and duties.

Care and support statutory guidance. By Department of Health and Social Care. 9 July 2018

An updated Department of Health and Social Care publication provides guidance to support implementation of the Care Act 2014 Pt 1 by local authorities.

Website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/care-act-statutory-guidance/care-and-support-statutory-guidance> [Accessed at 9 July 2018]

Legislation referred: Care Act 2014 Pt 1

### HOUSING. *Landlord and tenant.*

#### Houses in multiple occupation; Landlords' duties; Licensing; Local housing authorities' powers and duties; Residential property.

Houses in Multiple Occupation and residential property licensing reform: Guidance for Local Housing Authorities. By Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. 20 June 2018

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government guidance for local housing authorities on extending mandatory licensing of houses in multiple occupation (HMO). It includes further details on extending mandatory licensing to smaller HMOs and introducing minimum bedroom sizes.

Website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/houses-in-multiple-occupation-and-residential-property-licensing-reform-guidance-for-local-housing-authorities> [Accessed at 20 June 2018]; [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/717367/HMOs\\_and\\_residential\\_property\\_licensing\\_reforms\\_guidance\\_final\\_v1.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/717367/HMOs_and_residential_property_licensing_reforms_guidance_final_v1.pdf) [Accessed 20 June 2018: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-publishes->

## NEWS ARTICLES

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT. *Planning; Real property.*

#### Estate agents; Local authorities; Local authorities' powers and duties; Signs.

Local authorities gain power to ban estate agents' "for sale" signs. *Times*, 30 June 2018, 17. By Andrew Ellison.



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