



YOUR MONTHLY E-BULLETIN

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LATEST CONSORTIUM NEWS

Coronavirus - FREE Consortium Training Programme 2019/20

As you already know as a result of the current Coronavirus pandemic all Consortium training courses to the end of the current Annual Training Programme (end June 2020) have now been CANCELLED.

Solicitors Framework 2020-2024 - Delay in go-live date

Our new Solicitors Framework will not be available now for 1st April.

Instead we are endeavouring to bring it to you **no later than 1st May** when it will be available from your desktops on the website in the usual way.

Once we are live we'll also have news about the Partner firms who will be working with us for the duration of the new Framework and what they are offering to all Consortium members by way of 'added value'.

In the interim we are leaving the current Framework firms' rates up on the website for you.

Although any commissions with these firms after 31st March will not be under the cover of a procured framework this will enable you to commission work in this efficient and convenient way until the new Framework goes live.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

We have confirmed our booking at Aintree for the next Consortium Annual Training Event. It will take place on **Tuesday 6th October 2020**

Lets keep our fingers crossed that we can still hold our event without restriction!

Please save the date and hopefully you and your colleagues can join us there.

How might the NWLC and information held on the website (www.nwlegalconsortium.com) help you during the current Coronavirus restrictions?

Here's just a few ways:

A problem shared	Need to get a second opinion, share a problem, get a new perspective?	Through the website, contact colleagues in other member organisations by logging in and going to the Directory page. Even better if users have registered their specialisms – you can search for colleagues using the search tool based upon the subject of your query.
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Registering your specialism	Why not update your user profile to identify your specialisms/skills	To do this log into the secure area and click on User Profile in the left hand menu. Assign your skills and then just click OK at bottom right of screen.
Keeping up to date	The Thomson Reuters Updater accompanies each E-Bulletin	Access recent Updaters by going to the website Home Page and clicking on the E-Bulletins going back in time.
Refreshing your knowledge	Resources are available	Presentations and handouts from Consortium training sessions or the sessions at the Annual Training Event are all available to you once you are logged into the secure area in the Documents area of the website.
Assistance with workloads	Perhaps one of the other member organisations can help you out?	Contact details for organisation leads are published in the secure area in the Organisation Directory.
Keeping in touch	While you are all working remotely just keeping in touch with colleagues can be very important – for whatever reason	Log in to the website and access the People Directory to contact a colleague.

REMINDERS

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 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.

Why not take the time to tidy up your registered users list?

You can see the users currently registered for your organisation by logging in and going to the Directory page.

Click on People Directory and in search criteria add in the name of your organisation.

A list of your users will appear on screen for you.

Just let us know about deletions and additions by emailing Beryl at bh_nwlconsortium@btinternet.com





NW LEGAL CONSORTIUM
Authorities Working Together

New Roles up for grabs

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

If your organisation wants to advertise any vacancies on the website for free 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: nwaa.net



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New Blackpool base an uplifting force for lifesaving charity

The North West Air Ambulance Charity (NWAA) has moved to a brand-new base at Blackpool Airport, improving its capability to carry out lifesaving work. The base, which was funded in part by the generous donations of people across the North West, has given the crews a better environment for work, helping them to carry out lifesaving missions throughout the region with greater efficiency. It is one of two dedicated bases for the charity, with a second base at Barton Airport.

Features of the new base include a bespoke hangar for its emergency vehicles, with space for a helicopter and two rapid response vehicles, along with improved staff facilities. These include dedicated engineer and pilot rooms, as well as amenities such as new showers and a kitchen.

It is the first time that NWAA has had a permanent base in Blackpool and will serve as a major operational improvement for the crews, who previously worked out of modular units. The move to the new base has been made possible thanks to charitable donations from supporters and a collaboration with Blackpool Airport and Babcock International, which provides aviation services for the charity.

With no government funding, the charity relies entirely on donations from supporters and businesses across the North West. The service carries out lifesaving missions across the region, bringing vital pre-hospital care and providing hospital transfers to patients in their time of need. In 2019 alone, the crews attended 2,355 missions, evidence of the necessity of the service. Each year, NWAA must raise over £9.5 million to continue its lifesaving work.

To find out more about how you can support the North West Air Ambulance Charity, visit www.nwaa.net.





NWLC MONTHLY LEGAL UPDATER

POWERED BY THOMSON REUTERS AND PRACTICAL LAW

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This is a selection of legal updates for NWLC powered by Westlaw UK and Practical Law.
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CASES

HOUSING.

Breach; Burden of proof; Housing management; Multiple occupation; Reasonable excuse; Regulations; Regulatory offences; Standard of proof.

I R Management Ltd v Salford City Council. [2020] UKUT 81 (LC). Upper Tribunal (Lands Chamber) (UT (Lands)). Martin Rodger QC. March 19, 2020

Where a manager of a house in multiple occupation was charged with breaching the Management of Houses in Multiple Occupation (England) Regulations 2006 and thereby committing an offence under the Housing Act 2004 s.234(3), it bore the burden of establishing, on the balance of probabilities, the statutory defence of reasonable excuse provided for by s.234(4).

Appeal dismissed

PLANNING.

Buildings; Character and appearance; Conservation areas; Enforcement notices.

Planning: meaning of "building". *P.L.B. 2020, 40(10), 77-78.*

Notes Haringey LBC v Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government (Admin) on whether a terrace of houses in a conservation area, rather than each house, could be treated as a "building" within the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 s.55 for the purpose of determining whether work affected its external appearance and accordingly required consent. Advises caution in ensuring compliance with conservation area planning control.

Cases referred: Haringey LBC v Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government~ [2019] EWHC 3000 (Admin); [2019] 11 WLUK 58 (QBD (Admin))

Legislation referred: Town and Country Planning Act 1990 s.55

LEGISLATION

PUBLIC PROCUREMENT.

Public authorities; Public services contracts.

Wellbeing of Future Generations Bill 2020 (HC Bill 124).

A Bill to make provision for requiring public bodies to act in pursuit of the United Kingdom's environmental, social, economic and cultural wellbeing by meeting wellbeing objectives, publishing future generations impact assessments, accounting for preventative spending, and through public services contracts; to





establish a Commissioner for Future Generations for the United Kingdom; to establish a Joint Parliamentary Committee on Future Generations; to require companies to consider the impact of their activities on the United Kingdom's wellbeing; and for connected purposes.

Website: services.parliament.uk/Bills/2019-21/wellbeingoffuturegenerationsno2/documents.html
[Accessed at 25 March 2020]

Hansard: HC Vol 674 col 255 (1st Reading)

Commons 1st Reading: 24/3/2020 | HC Vol 674 col 255; 2nd Reading: 11/9/2020 provisional

SOCIAL WELFARE.

Codes of practice; Commencement; Performance; Social services; Wales.

Code of Practice in relation to the performance and improvement of social services in Wales (Appointed Day) (Wales) Order 2020. SI 2020/328 (W. 75)

This Order appoints 1 April 2020 as the day on which the Code of Practice in relation to the performance and improvement of social services in Wales comes into force. The code is issued by the Welsh Ministers under the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 s.145.

GOVERNMENT AND REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS

LANDLORD AND TENANT. *Health.*

Coronavirus; Emergency legislation; Landlord and tenant; Landlords' duties; Tenants' rights.

Greater protection for tenants and landlords affected by coronavirus in Wales. By Welsh Government.
22 March 2020

The Welsh Government has confirmed that measures being developed by the UK Government in response to the coronavirus pandemic, to suspend evictions from social or private rented accommodation, will apply to Welsh tenants. New protection will include: landlords being unable to start possession proceedings to evict tenants for at least a three month period during the crisis; and the three month mortgage payment holiday will be extended to Buy to Let mortgages to protect landlords.

Website: gov.wales/greater-protection-tenants-and-landlords-affected-coronavirus-wales
[Accessed at 23 March 2020]

SOCIAL WELFARE. *Health.*

Care Quality Commission; Coronavirus; Social care providers.

Registration with CQC and changes to statements of purpose during COVID-19. By Care Quality Commission.
25 March 2020

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) has written to every registered care provider in England setting out how they are making it easier for them to tell the CQC important information about how they are responding, and potentially changing the way they work, to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. The CQC has been working with providers to adapt our regulatory approach and offer support to care providers.

Website: www.cqc.org.uk/news/stories/registration-cqc-changes-statements-purpose-during-covid-19
[Accessed at 25 March 2020]





NEWS RELEASES

ECCLESIASTICAL LAW. *Environmental health; Health.*

Burials and cremation; Coronavirus; Funerals; Islam; Jewish law.

Burial rights of Muslims and Jews to be upheld. *Daily Telegraph*, 24 March 2020, 6.

Secretary of State for Health and Social Care Matt Hancock has assured Jewish and Muslim communities that their religious burial rights will be respected during the coronavirus outbreak, where emergency legislation has been amended to ensure that the beliefs of faiths were respected after concerns were raised over the possibility of forced cremations to relieve pressure on morgues and funeral services.

FAMILY LAW. *Administration of justice; Health.*

China; Coronavirus; Domestic violence and abuse; Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service.

Domestic abuse fears raised due to self-isolation. *Times*, 25 March 2020, 9. Also Reported in Independent, 25 March 2020 (Online edition)

The head of the Courts and Tribunal Service, Susan Acland Hood, has raised concerns that self-isolation linked to Covid-19 will lead to an increase in domestic violence, where more women will be trapped indoors with an abuser. In parts of China the number of such cases rose to three times the norm after weeks of strict isolation.

