



NEW LEGAL SERVICES FOR GP PRACTICES AND FEDERATIONS

YORLMC is pleased to announce that it is piloting a range of legal services to all its constituents. The new services are offered under the banner of **YORLMC LAW** - in conjunction with LMC Law Limited - and are designed to assist and facilitate legal advice and services to practices and federations.

YORLMC is supporting and funding the delivery of these services utilising LMC reserves, with a view to ensuring that practices and federations receive high quality expert advice from legal professionals with significant NHS experience.

The services are subject always to LMC Law's terms and conditions of service (available on request).

The new services are outlined below and are accessible by contacting YORLMC's Corporate Affairs Team in the first instance.

What is included without charge?

For Practices:

Practice Mergers

- Advice on mergers
- Advice on processes required under the regulations
- Consent letters to NHSE
- Due diligence checklist for mergers
- Advice on structuring a merger
- Letters of resignation from partners

Caretaking Arrangements

- Advice and support on caretaking arrangements
- Review and comments on caretaking documentation

Review of any documentation from:

- Commissioners
- Federation Boards

Review of other policies produced by:

- NHSE
- Any other relevant body

Collaboration of Practices

- Advice and support on sharing of resources and staff

Other

- Advice on Information Governance
- Advice on DPA and freedom of information requests

For Federations:

- Creation of new federations and/or provider arm organisations
- On-going support to federations in terms of corporate and commercial law advice relating to any documents creating the federation, including but not limited to: articles of association, shareholder agreements, corporate governance issues, elections, voting, amendments and changes to any documentation, ongoing advice and support in relation to running the federation;
- Drafting and advising on special resolutions and meetings of shareholders;
- Amendment and advice in relation to current documentation in respect of the creation of federations;
- Provision of Trust Deeds and guidance notes;
- Provision of engagement letters for experts and consultants to federations
- Terms of reference for board members;
- Provision of conflicts of interest policies, dispute resolution policies;
- Joint Venture arrangements and partnerships with other entities (but excluding practice partnerships in respect of core contracts)
- General advice on joint venture structures with other entities: community trusts, hospital trusts etc.

What is not included?

Any services falling outside of the YORLMC LAW service will be chargeable by LMC Law at usual discounted and competitive rates. For example LMC Law shall charge competitive fixed rates (POA) for Partnership drafting and amendments to existing agreements.

LMC Law shall not provide the following:

- Property/premises issues;
- Litigation/negotiation in partnership or other disputes;
- Mediation, arbitration;
- Defamation;
- Criminal law;
- Intellectual property, patents, copyright;
- Employment and HR advice

In the event matters fall within the list of excluded services, then LMC Law will use all best endeavours to refer to a third party at reasonable and fixed rates

Mediation and arbitration shall be outsourced to LMC Law associates at competitive rates, together with premises/property issues, when required