



APSE- Raising the Game: Devolution Transformation and Frontline Services

Legal Framework for Frontline Services and Combined Authorities

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What is a Combined Authority?

Established by Order of Secretary of State

Covers two or more Local Authority areas

- conditions

Functions may include

- Transport
- Economic Development and Regeneration
 - function to be exercisable instead of or concurrently with the Local Authority
 - with a view to promoting the economic development and regeneration of the area
 - Funded by Local Authorities
- General Power

Orders so far

Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Combined Authority

Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle Upon Tyne, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside and Sunderland Combined Authority

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, St Helens, Sefton and Wirral Combined Authority

West Yorkshire Combined Authority

How is it different to a Joint Service/Committee?

- Body Corporate
 - Separate Legal Entity
 - Employ own staff
 - Enter into own contracts
- Separate Governance

What might they become?

Cities and Local Government Devolution Bill

Order of Secretary of State

Elected Mayor

Precepting Authority

Replace Police and
Crime Commissioner

Power to exercise any
LA function

- Doesn't have to be in
interest of economic
development

Other Public Authority
Functions

General Power of
Competence

How can you Work with a Combined Authority?

Supply of goods and services

- CA is included in definition of Local Authority under 1970 Act

Shared Service and delegated functions

- CA is included in definition of Local Authority under 1972 Act

General Power of Competence

Incidental

Can you work together without a Combined Authority?

Supply of goods and services

Shared Service and delegated functions

General Power of Competence

Incidental

- No order needed
- Not separate entity
- Localism Act
 - Power to transfer functions of public body to a LA

Working with CCGs (and the rest of the NHS)

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- Supply of goods and services
 - CCGs, NHS England and Special Health Authorities are eligible customers under 1970 Act
- Section 75 Arrangements
 - Funding
 - Partnership working
 - Local Authority and NHS Body
- Joint Committees
- Care Trust
- Power to make payments

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