

Booming legal sector lifts North East employment market

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Employment levels have climbed by 3% year-on-year in the North East region, which can be attributed, in part, to a thriving legal sector. That's according to the latest contract and interim employment update from Venn Group.

In particular, demand has been for both residential and commercial conveyancing locums to service law practices within the area. This is indicative of not only the widely reported revival of the residential market, but also the strong growth in the commercial property arena thanks to a renewed confidence amongst businesses. Consequently, conveyancing professionals have been in strong demand and commanding rates in excess of £200 a day. Venn Group has also seen a notable rise in requirements for road traffic accident specialists over the first few months of the year which could, in part, be attributed to the clampdown in 'cash for crash' claims.

Venn Group's Director of Operations in the region, Stan Murray-Hession said:

"The results of our research show optimism has returned to the region which is having a positive impact on professional jobseekers. Whilst we have seen a particular boom in the legal arena, we have also seen growth within the public sector.

"Much of the recruitment activity in the public sector has been within NHS procurement. In fact it was particularly busy in the first three months of the year due to the ongoing push for cost efficiencies within all NHS trusts as part of the Government's cost cutting drive. Consequently there was heightened demand for contracts managers across Clinical Commissioning Groups to ensure suppliers delivered projects, not only on time, but also within budget."

Venn Group – The UK's only company dedicated to the provision of professional contract and interim staff to organisations in both the private and public sectors – compared hiring levels between quarter four 2013 and quarter one 2014 across all of its core regions:

- London
- The North West
- The North East
- The South West
- Thames Valley
- The Midlands
- Central & East