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Law Centres' ethos: other stakeholders' perspectives
The benefits of Law Centres' local knowledge and policy inputs; Preventative approaches as part of Law Centres' original social justice mission; 4. Challenges and dilemmas; Recent research findings; Challenges and dilemmas for Law Centres; Financial and administrative challenges; The Legal Services Commission's comments, in contrast; Law Centre perspectives, in response; Education, training and development; Resulting tensions, dilemmas and stress; 5. Public service modernisation, restructuring and recommodification

The Carter reforms and the new managerialism
Collective working; Staffing structures; Staffing costs, pay and conditions; Use of volunteers; The use of telephone and internet-based mechanisms for delivering legal advice; Management committees/boards of trustees; Charging clients; 6. Conflict and competition versus collaboration and planning; Pressures to collaborate or to compete; The impact of public service modernisation: an increasingly competitive context; Conflicting pressures; Alternative approaches: partnerships responsive to community needs developed from the bottom up

Key drivers for collaboration, despite the challenges
The role of local authorities in promoting collaboration; Collaborating, competing with or becoming more like the private sector?; 7. Public service modernisation and time; New Public Management, neo-Taylorism and the new organisation of (working) time in the public services; Time pressures and work intensification; Time efficiency: output versus outcome; Time valued and the value of time; Conclusion; 8. Alienation and demoralisation, or continuing labours of love?; Motivations and values; Motivation and gender

Comparing and contrasting Law Centres with working in other sectors and types of agency

Sommario/riassunto

This unique study explores how strategies to safeguard the provision of legal advice and access to welfare rights to disadvantaged communities might be developed in ways that strengthen rather than undermine the basic ethics and principles of public service provision.
