

# **Lancashire Voices: The Devolution Question**



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# Fit, legal and decent

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Power & funding

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Opposition & scrutiny

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Equality & human rights

# Add to section 44

(c) meet its obligations under human rights treaties ratified by the government

## **44 Health improvement and health inequalities duty**

(1) After section 107ZA of LDEDCA 2009 insert —

*“Combined authorities: health*

### **107ZB Health improvement and health inequalities duty**

- (1) When considering whether or how to exercise any of its functions, a combined authority must have regard to the need to —
  - (a) improve the health of persons in the combined authority’s area, and
  - (b) reduce health inequalities between persons living in the combined authority’s area.

# Equalities Machinery

- Local government already has these obligations under UN Human Rights Treaties
- Focal points, action plans, budgets, community based monitoring and reporting
- CEDAW (women), CRPD (disability), ICERD (race), ICESCR (economic, social & cultural)