



Nottingham is a regional centre for major business services, such as Experian and Potter Clarkson.

offer consumers an alternative to the 'big six' energy suppliers nationwide.

In compiling the list for 2019, we noticed some other interesting stories.

A few companies in the list this year have post codes from Leicestershire and Derbyshire – despite being clearly located in Nottinghamshire. This is largely a result of the way post codes relate to centres from which postal services are organised.

In areas near county boundaries it is not unusual for postal services to be delivered from centres outside Nottinghamshire. This points to the way that administrative boundaries – like county boundaries – seldom constrain economic activity. These boundaries are essentially porous.

The local economy of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire is influenced to a significant degree by centres located outside the county.

We see this very clearly in the influence of neighbouring cities such as Sheffield, Derby and Leicester.

From an economic development perspective, this also points to the importance of understanding the role that major cities like Nottingham play in the wider spatial economy of our region.

The Top 200 and Top 20 employers list both provide plenty of evidence of the role that Nottingham plays as a regional centre for the provision of business services, health and education.

The former is clear from the presence of companies like Experian, KPMG and Potter Clarkson in Nottingham, the latter from the prominence of Universities and NHS Trusts on our list of major local employers.

It also emphasises the role of these large organisations as anchor institutions that underpin the local economy – through the services they provide and the influence they exert in the local area.

Looking forward, it is very likely that organisations like these will have a key part to play, along side our local authorities, in supporting economic resilience as we face the challenges to come.

ADVERTISING FEATURE

# Buckles Solicitors acquire London law firm, bolstering their continued growth

LAW firm Buckles Solicitors has announced its acquisition of London-based Lyndales Solicitors.

Buckles has offices in Peterborough, London, Nottingham and Stamford and the acquisition of Lyndales reflects the award-winning firm's recent emphasis on growth with a strong focus on the London market.

Operating under the name Buckles Lyndales, the existing London office will be joined by the Lyndales team and relocate to 40 Furnival Street from 1 October 2019.

The acquisition propels the firm up the ranking table with a turnover of £12m+ and more than 90 lawyers.



Buckles' Chief Executive, Duncan Jackson, says: "We are delighted to officially announce the acquisition of Lyndales to strengthen our London proposition.

"Based on a long history of client-led service, Buckles has a strong regional reputation acquired mainly through organic

growth. The legal market has changed and we don't want to rest on our laurels.

"Building on a position of strength and safeguarding our clients UK-wide, we are implementing an exciting growth strategy.

"Lyndales is a perfect fit for us as they are also a people-driven

business. Lyndales is an established London firm and we are thrilled to merge our teams' expertise to offer our clients an even wider range of legal expertise."

Buckles' services include specialisms in French, Italian and Spanish law.

With lawyers ranked in

Chambers and the Legal 500, the firm has third-party accreditation of their expertise.

**To find out more about Buckles and the services provided by Buckles Lyndales, visit <https://www.buckles-law.co.uk>**



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