

**APPENDIX**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Lead</b>
Initial informal consultation with relevant local authorities	5 June 2014
Informally seek views of stakeholders, Police, Health, Ambulance Service, Senior Coroner for Hartlepool etc	5 June 2014
Update Ministry of Justice on progress	5 June 2014
Middlesbrough decision on development of the business case	16 June 2014
Hartlepool consideration of a report on the review	End of June 2014
Prepare the business case (6 weeks)	1 July 2014
Agree the business case with Hartlepool, Stockton and Redcar and Cleveland Councils	10 August 2014
Submission of the business case to the MoJ	10 August 2014
MoJ to consult with stakeholders and interested parties. (Stakeholders list normally includes police, hospitals, funeral directors and others affected by local coroners services but is not prescribed by legislation or guidance beyond organisations the Lord Chancellor thinks it is appropriate to consult with) – 4 weeks	4 weeks consultation, 3 months to complete MoJ process
MoJ consider the consultation and make a recommendation to the Lord Chancellor	
If approved Lord Chancellor to lay down legislation for implementation	10 November 2014
Council to undertake HR processes required to implement the Lord Chancellor's decision	See comment below
<p>The next stages are dependent upon the outcome of the Lord Chancellor's decision:</p> <p>If a merger is proposed and the Senior Coroner for Hartlepool is 'slotted in' then the process is to seek approval from the Lord Chancellor and also the Chief Coroner (expected time to complete – 2 weeks)</p> <p>If a merger is proposed and the post is advertised to an open field then the process will take circa 3 months.</p> <p>If a merger is not proposed then the post will be advertised externally and the process will take circa 3 months.</p>	