



Legal Aid
Agency

Procurement of Civil Legal Advice Services in England and Wales from 1 October 2018: Housing Possession Court Duty Schemes

Amendment Notice with effect from 1 December 2017

On 12 October 2017, the LAA published an invitation to tender for Civil Legal Aid Services in England and Wales from 1 October 2018: Housing Possession Court Duty Schemes (“HPCDS”) on its e-Tendering portal.

Applicants are notified that the LAA has elected to clarify that the number of Sessions as defined in the Information for Applicants document (“IFA”) and contained in the Scheme Area Guides has been calculated using the data reported by the current provider(s) of HPCDS work in each court.

The LAA has used this provider data to identify the unique number of sessions (morning, afternoon or all-day as set out in the 2013 Standard Civil Contract) undertaken to provide a total annual figure for each court.

For these purposes, a Session does not equate to a court room or list.

Scheme Area Guides also provide the individual volume of cases undertaken at each court.

The LAA gives no guarantees or warranties regarding the accuracy of any information or regarding the actual volume or value of any HPCDS Contract Work during the Contract Period of the new HPCDS contract.

In light of the proximity of this clarification to the tender deadline, the deadline has been extended to 5pm Monday 11 December.

In accordance with paragraph 8.22 of the IFA Applicants are notified that the LAA has amended the IFA to extend the deadline to **5pm on 11 December**.

IFA Version 3 incorporates all of the amendments in this notice. IFA Version 3 is available via the ‘Buyer Attachment’ link within the e-tendering system and on the Gov.uk website.

Requirements upon Applicants

Applicants are required to refer to IFA Version 3 when preparing their Tender.