



Ministry
of Justice

Legal Support Advisory Group meeting

Wednesday 13 July 2022

Note of meeting

Members present:

Daniel Flury (MoJ Access to Justice, Chair) (DF); Christina Blacklaws (Lawtech UK) (CB); Chris Minnoch (Legal Aid Practitioners' Group) (CM); Rob Bancroft (EHRC) (RM); Phil Robertson (Bar Council) (PR), Ruth Daniel (Access to Justice Foundation) (RD).

Apologies:

Hazel Genn (UCL); I Stephanie Boyce (Law Society); Natalie Byrom (Legal Education Foundation); Clare Carter (The Access to Justice Foundation); Lindsey Poole (Advice Services Alliance); Fiona Rutherford (JUSTICE).

Additional Attendees included:

MoJ Legal Support Policy Team (LS)

MoJ Legal Aid Policy Team

MoJ Analytical Services (AS)

Welcome & introductions

1. DF welcomed attendees and noted the apologies.

Update on minutes and actions from last meeting

2. The previous minutes were agreed. MoJ went through the actions from the last meeting, all of which were either completed, carried to the next meeting, or covered by this meeting's agenda items.

Update on Ministerial discussion and current work programme

- DF updated the group on the latest position regarding ministerial priorities. He explained that officials continued to deliver the current government's agenda but, in line with guidance issued by the Cabinet Secretary, were not starting any new policies or committing to new spending.

Discussion on future work programme – objectives and prioritisation

- LS updated the group on the launch of the new Help Accessing Legal Support grant, launched the previous day. This grant would take us through to March 2023 and we are talking to Ministers now about future grants and other activity in the legal support space.
- LS introduced the strategy paper highlighting that LSAG comments were taken on board. The paper sets out a proposed direction of travel for the future.
- LSAG members provided feedback and discussed the paper. LS explained these views would be incorporated into a revised paper for Ministers.
- LS thanked everyone for the discussion. If LSAG members had further points or wanted separate meetings, these were welcomed.

Action: LSAG members to feedback any further comments on the strategy paper by 5 August

Any other business (AOB)

- The date of the next meeting was due to be October.

Action	Owner(s)	Deadline
LSAG members to feedback any further comments on the strategy paper by 5 August	All	Next meeting