

Procurement of Criminal Legal Aid Services in England and Wales from July 2015 Amendment Notice

On 25 April 2014 we published on our eTendering portal the procurement process to tender to deliver publicly funded criminal legal aid services from 1 July 2015.

In accordance with our power under paragraph 8.12 of the Rules of the Own Client Procurement Process, Applicant Organisations are notified that we have amended the Information for Applicants (IFA) document to correct a number of referencing errors:

- Paragraph 1.22 now reads "...(anticipated to be July 2014)"
- Paragraph 2.9 now reads "...All Applicant Organisations intending to meet this
 Criterion through holding the SQM will be required to be audited by the SQM Delivery
 Partnership as outlined in paragraph 2.10."
- Paragraph 4.2 now reads "In accordance with paragraph 8.33 of this IFA..."
- Paragraph 5.5 now reads "A first version of this FAQ document will be published on
 12 May..."
- Paragraph 6.6 now reads "The right of appeal is set out at paragraph 8.22 of this IFA"
- Paragraph 8.23 now reads "Where an Applicant Organisation seeks to appeal on grounds other than the ground of appeal set out in 8.22..."
- The response to Annex C Question 2.8 now reads "...The sole right of appeal is set out at paragraph 8.22 of the IFA..."
- The response to Annex C Question 2.9 now reads "Applicant Organisations' sole right of appeal is set out at paragraph **8.22** of the IFA...Applicant Organisations wishing to submit an appeal must, as specified at paragraph **8.24** of the IFA..."

Version 2 of the Information for Applicants document is available via the 'PQQ Open to all Suppliers' link within the eTendering system and on the <u>Justice</u> website. Applicant Organisations are advised to review the amended cross references to ensure that they do not impact on their Tender response.