

## **Headline Intentions for alignment of civil face to face contracts in 2018**

In November 2013 and October 2014 the LAA published its intentions to procure the remaining categories of law still operating under the 2010 Standard Civil Contract. Subsequent tenders were undertaken and on the 1 August 2014 contracts for Mental Health and Community Care came into force and on the 1 November 2015 contracts for Actions Against the Police etc., Clinical Negligence and Public Law came into force.

As part of the information published in November 2013 and October 2014, additional detail was also provided in relation to the LAA's intention to extend other 2010 Standard Civil Contract categories in order to allow time to develop an appropriate procurement process. This included extensions to Immigration Removal Centre contracts by 6 months and the Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme (HPCDS) contracts by 12 months.

This document provides further detail on our intentions regarding all face to face civil contracts.

### **2013, 2014 & 2015 Standard Civil Contracts**

It is our intention to align all face to face Standard Civil Contracts from April 2018.

New contracts in relation to Welfare Benefits, Immigration Removal Centres and HPCDS will be awarded to end on 31 March 2018. All existing Standard Civil Contracts (except Mediation) that are due to end before the 31 March 2018 will be extended through to this date.

To enable this alignment it is also our intention to end any contract that runs past the 31 March 2018 early (i.e. Actions Against the Police etc., Clinical Negligence and Public Law). We will give providers the necessary contractual notice period.

### **Welfare Benefits**

We intend to tender for new Welfare Benefit contracts in those areas covered by the 2014 Standard Civil Contract (Welfare Benefits) in 2016.

To allow time to develop the procurement process we will extend the existing 2014 Standard Civil Contract (Welfare Benefits) by 9 months to 31 October 2016. These contracts will be for a period of 17 months and will end on 31 March 2018 in order to align with all other face to face civil contracts.

All 2013 Standard Civil Contracts in relation to Welfare Benefits will run through to the 31 March 2018. New contracts for all Welfare Benefits work will be procured along with all other face to face civil contracts.