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For the attention of the Contract Liaison Manager

Dear Sirs,

Crime Contingency Contract ("Contract"): Notice of Extension

We wrote to you on 28 January 2016 explaining the consequences of the Lord Chancellor's decision not to go ahead with the dual contracting system resulting from the 2015 crime contract tender process. In that letter we referred to the fact that the Lord Chancellor had stated that the LAA will extend current contracts so as to ensure continuing service until replacement contracts come into force.

You hold a Contract which is currently due to expire automatically on 31 March 2016 save where we give you not less than one month's notice that we wish to extend it.

This letter constitutes notice that the LAA is exercising its right to extend the Contract to 10 January 2017.

Please note, as per the terms of the Contract for Signature, we may at any time terminate the Contract on not less than one month's notice. We anticipate that any such termination on this basis would be to facilitate the introduction of replacement contracts as referred to above.

If you have any questions concerning this notice please contact your Contract Manager.

Yours faithfully,

Hugh Barrett

Director of Legal Aid Commissioning and Strategy