



Procurement of Criminal Legal Aid Services in England and Wales from 1 April 2017

Amendment Notice with effect from 5 August 2016

On 21 July 2016 the LAA published an invitation to tender for 2017 Standard Crime Contracts on its eTendering portal.

In accordance with paragraph 9.14 of the Information for Applicants document, (“**IFA**”) Applicants are notified that the LAA has amended the Birmingham Duty Information Form (“**DIF**”), Cambridge DIF and Duty Solicitor Postcode Tool to correct the errors as detailed below:

1. Birmingham DIF: to amend details of Schemes operating in the Birmingham Individual Bid ITT.
2. Cambridge DIF: to amend details of Schemes operating in the Cambridge Individual Bid ITT.
3. Duty Solicitor Postcode Tool; to amend eligibility for Schemes operating in Birmingham and Cambridge.

Version 4 of the Birmingham DIF and Cambridge DIF reflecting the amendments referred to in this amendment notice are available via the ‘Buyer Attachments’ link within the relevant Individual Bid ITTs in the eTendering system relating to the procurement of Criminal Legal Aid services in England and Wales from 1 April 2017.

The Duty Solicitor Postcode Tool is available on the Gov.uk website.

Requirements upon Applicants

Applicants are required to refer to the fourth version of the Birmingham DIF and Cambridge DIF in preparing their Tender.

Applicants will not be affected if they have not yet submitted a response to the Birmingham DIF and Cambridge Individual Bid ITT.

Applicants that have already submitted or started to complete the DIF for the Birmingham and Cambridge Individual Bid ITTs must ensure that they submit version 4 of the affected DIFs with their response.

If an Applicant submits version 1, version 2 or version 3 of the Birmingham DIF and Cambridge DIF, the consequence will be that the Applicant may not be able to apply for Schemes operating in the affected Individual Bid ITTs.