



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

Amendment Notice with effect from 17 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 IFA, Birmingham Duty Information Form (“**DIF**”), Brighton DIF, Bristol DIF, Cambridge DIF, Liverpool DIF, London DIF, Nottingham DIF, Wales DIF and Duty Solicitor Postcode Tool to correct the errors as detailed below:

1. The tables in paragraphs 8.12 and 8.18 of the IFA; to clarify the verification requirements for Supervisors.
2. Paragraph 9.37; to correct duplicate paragraph numbering.
3. Annex A of the IFA; to amend Scheme names to reflect changes in coverage and to provide further information about the work available under each Scheme.
4. Birmingham DIF: to amend details of Schemes operating in the Birmingham Individual Bid ITT.
5. Brighton DIF: to amend details of Schemes operating in the Brighton Individual Bid ITT.
6. Bristol DIF: to amend details of Schemes operating in the Bristol Individual Bid ITT.
7. Cambridge DIF: to amend details of Schemes operating in the Cambridge Individual Bid ITT.
8. Liverpool DIF: to amend details of Schemes operating in the Liverpool Individual Bid ITT.
9. London DIF: to amend details of Schemes operating in the London Individual Bid ITT.
10. Nottingham DIF: to amend details of Schemes operating in the Nottingham Individual Bid ITT.
11. Wales DIF: to amend details of Schemes operating in the Wales Individual Bid ITT.
12. Duty Solicitor Postcode Tool; to amend eligibility for Schemes operating in Bristol and Birmingham.

Version 5 of the Birmingham DIF and Cambridge DIF, Version 4 of the Bristol DIF, Nottingham DIF and Wales DIF, Version 3 of the Brighton DIF and London DIF and Version 2 of the Liverpool 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.

Version 4 of the IFA and the DIFs reflecting the amendments referred to in this amendment notice are available via the 'Buyer Attachments' link within 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 IFA is also available on the Gov.uk website.

Requirements upon Applicants

Applicants are required to refer to:

- The fifth version of the Birmingham DIF
- The third version of the Brighton DIF
- The fourth version of the Bristol DIF
- The fifth version of the Cambridge DIF
- The second version of the Liverpool DIF
- The third version of the London DIF
- The fourth version of the Nottingham DIF
- The fourth version of the Wales DIF

Applicants will not be affected if they have not yet submitted a response to the Birmingham, Brighton, Bristol, Cambridge, Liverpool, London, Nottingham and Wales Individual Bid ITTs.

Applicants that have already submitted or started to complete the DIF for the Birmingham, Brighton, Bristol, Cambridge, Liverpool, London, Nottingham and Wales Individual Bid ITTs must ensure that they submit the correct version of the relevant DIF with their response.

If an Applicant submits earlier versions of the Birmingham, Brighton, Bristol, Cambridge, Liverpool, London, Nottingham and Wales DIFs, the consequence will be that the Applicant may not be able to apply for Schemes operating in the affected Individual Bid ITT.