



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

Notice of Duty Solicitor Postcode Tool amendment with effect from 8 September 2016

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

As Applicants are aware, a small number of queries since the launch of the procurement process have confirmed that in some areas, the Duty Solicitor Postcode Tool ('Tool') has not kept pace with the increasing number of changes to police stations and courts.

Where issues have been identified, we have issued Amendment Notices to correct the Tool and updated the Duty Information Forms ('DIFs') in the Individual Bid ITTs to enable Applicants to apply to join Duty Schemes from their Offices as intended.

This is explained at Question 75 in the Frequently Asked Questions ('FAQ') document published on our website on 24th August 2016.

Issue

We have been advised that two postcodes in the Sheffield area are missing from the Tool, namely S1 1__ and S1 3__. While we will take steps to amend the Tool, in accordance with the process set out in the FAQ document (as referred to above) we will not be amending the DIF found in the Leeds Individual Bid ITT. Any Applicant who is affected should request a copy of the non-macro DIF.

Requirements upon Applicants to the Leeds Individual ITT

Applicants who have already submitted their Tender need take no further action, unless they either have, or propose to have, an Office in the affected postcode areas. Any such Applicants should contact the LAA through the eTendering message boards to request a copy of the non-macro DIF for completion and attachment to their Tender.

Applicants will not be affected if they have not yet submitted a response to the Leeds Individual Bid ITT, or are preparing, or have submitted, responses to any other Individual Bid ITTs.