



Legal Aid
Agency

Consultation Proposals – Court Closure, Aylesbury Court

Schemes directly affected by the changes:

Aylesbury Court Duty scheme

Schemes indirectly affected by the changes:

High Wycombe Court Duty Scheme

Current arrangements:

Aylesbury court currently sits on Mondays and Tuesdays, one Duty Solicitor on each of those days.

Proposed changes:

You will be aware that Ministers announced to Parliament on the 11th February that a number of Courts in England and Wales would close following the Public Consultation on Court closures. One of the Courts that will close is the Aylesbury Magistrates' Court. The timetable for the full closure of the Court is at the end of June 2016.

HMCTS plan is to spread the Aylesbury new charges workload arising from the Monday court across 5 days at Wycombe with Wycombe's charges and to not have a designated Aylesbury new charges list at the Wycombe Court. The non cps work will be absorbed into the current Wycombe list. The trial courts will be moved as additional courts to Wycombe from Aylesbury.

As a result of the Magistrates Court closure the Aylesbury Court Duty Scheme will close. We do not guarantee work under the contract and do not need to take action in response to such changes. However we recognise that there will be an increase in the demand for the Court Duty Solicitor scheme at High Wycombe and that clients from the Aylesbury Area may wish to access the services of a local solicitor.

Options for these schemes are:

There are very few options for this court/scheme; clearly the rota would no longer be required as of the week commencing 27th June 2016. However, the current rota lasts until 30th September 2016 and therefore this consultation seeks your views on what to do with those that were on the rota between 27th June and 30th September 2016 and the future of the Court Duty schemes. (Please note this does not affect the current Police Station schemes)

The Proposal:

We plan to amalgamate the High Wycombe and Aylesbury Court Duty schemes – by adding the Aylesbury scheme postcodes to the HW scheme.

Therefore the following Aylesbury scheme postcodes will be included in the High Wycombe court duty scheme:-

HP16 9;HP17 0;HP17 8;HP17 9;HP18 0;HP18 9;HP19 0;HP19 7;HP19 8; HP19 9;HP20 1;HP20 2;HP21 7;HP21 8;HP21 9;HP22 4;HP22 5;HP22 6;HP27 0;HP27 9;HP5 1;HP5 2;HP5 3;MK18 1;MK18 2;MK18 3;MK18 4;MK18 5;MK18 6;MK18 7;OX39 4;OX9 2;OX9 3

You are invited to submit any comments regarding the proposal in writing, marked Aylesbury Court Consultation to the following email address by **COP on 10th June 2016**.

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