

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

Amendment Notice with effect from 29 December 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**”) to correct the errors as detailed below:

1. Paragraph 8.5 of the IFA will now read:

Applicants that have successfully Tendered for Duty Schemes and that are allocated Duty Slots on Rotas running from 1 April and/or 1 July 2017 will be limited to submitting CRM12s for either:

- i. the number of Duty Solicitors they confirm as part of their Tender, where they have been subject to the expansion risk assessment; or
- ii. where they currently have 7 or more Duty Solicitors an increase of less than 50% of the number of Duty Solicitors that they currently have, where they are not subject to the expansion risk assessment; or
- iii. 9 Duty Solicitors for all Applicants who do not fall within either i. or ii above.

For the avoidance of doubt, Applicants will not be able to add any additional Duty Solicitors (i.e. over and above the number they are limited to either by i. ii. or iii. in this paragraph, as applicable) for these Rotas but will be able to replace Duty Solicitors who leave the organisation up to the number Tendered for.

Version 6 of the IFA reflecting the amendment referred to in this amendment notice is 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 sixth version of the IFA