

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE NORTHAMPTON POLICE STATION SCHEMES

Corby Police Station panel

This consultation is in response to the closure of Corby Police station Custody suite and the transfer of work to Weekly Wood Justice Centre, Cherry Hall Road, Kettering, Northampton NN14 1UE with the effect from the 1 August 2017.

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It has been suggested by a member of the above scheme that the Corby panel, which operates from 9.00 a.m. Saturday to 9.00 a.m. on Monday, should be a rota scheme at weekends, as it is on weekdays.

Option 1:

Amend the current panel to a rota scheme with effect from the 1 January 2018, with no changes to the current police station membership or any impact on existing court duty solicitor schemes.

The Police Station fixed fee for scheme ID 8016 remains unchanged, with the Police Station ID code being NT113 for work conducted at Weekly Wood Justice Centre.

Option 2:

Retain the current panel arrangements, currently known as Corby Police Station scheme, at weekends.

Please note under both the above Options, there is no intention to change the eligibility for the Corby Police Station duty solicitor scheme or the postcode boundaries.

In addition, if you have any other suggested options that you feel we should consider, we should be grateful for your views.

As rota production for the January 2018 rotas will commence in October (please see: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/duty-solicitors-rotas-information-and-guidance> for more information), I should be grateful for your views, no later than 5.00 p.m. on Monday **2nd October 2017**.

This Consultation

We are consulting on these proposals for 3 weeks, from 11th September 2017 Responses should be sent by email to: joanne.harvey@legalaid.gsi.gov.uk