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To All Duty Solicitors on the Leeds and Kirklees Magistrates' Court Duty Schemes

Dear Duty Solicitor

Response to Consultation with Leeds and Kirklees Magistrates' Court scheme members following HMCTS announcement to move Kirklees Youth Court work to Leeds Magistrates' Court.

On 4th August 2017, the Legal Aid Agency issued a consultation regarding possible changes to the Kirklees and Leeds Duty Solicitor schemes, affected by the HMCTS decision to move Kirklees Magistrates' Court Youth Court work to Leeds Magistrates' Court.

The deadline for responses to the consultation was 4th September 2017. Following consideration of the responses, this letter is intended as formal notification of the outcome of the consultation.

Summary of Responses

2 responses to the consultation were received.

Thank you to those people who took the time to provide feedback on the proposal.

Feedback provided was in favour of Option 1 - **Amend the scheme boundaries for the Leeds Magistrates' Court Duty scheme allowing Duty Solicitors who are currently members of the Kirklees Magistrates' Court Duty scheme to become members of the Leeds Magistrates' Court Duty scheme to undertake Youth work from 2nd October 2017.**

Decision

After consideration of the responses received, and the points raised within the same, the Legal Aid Agency have decided to proceed with **Option 1, as above, as both responses were in favour of this option.**

Next steps

- Option 1 proposed in the consultation document will take effect on 2nd October 2017.
- New rotas will be issued to cover the period from 2nd October 2017 through to 31st December 2017 inclusive.

Yours faithfully,

Philip Hanson
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