On 27 June 2018 the LAA published an invitation to tender for civil legal aid services in England and Wales on its e-Tendering portal under the Further Face to Face Procurement Process.

In accordance with paragraph 10.22 of the Information for Applicants document, (“IFA”) Applicants are notified that the LAA has amended the Mental Health Invitation To Tender (ITT). The Mental Health ITT must be completed if Applicants wish to tender under the Further Face to Face Procurement Process to deliver contract work in the Mental Health Category of Law.

The amendment has been made to allow Applicants to select more than one Procurement Area in response to Question A.1.i.

**Republishing of the Mental Health ITT in the e-Tendering system**

The Mental Health ITT is known as ‘ITT 577’ in the e-Tendering system. The making of the amendment to the Mental Health ITT has caused it to have been republished in the e-Tendering portal.

**Requirements upon Applicants with regard to the republished Mental Health ITT**

Applicants will not be affected if they have not submitted a response to the Mental Health ITT.

However, those Applicants that have already submitted a response to the Mental Health ITT must respond again to Question A.1.i and re-submit their Mental Health ITT Response prior to the deadline of 5pm on 10 August 2018.

**Consequence of Applicant that has already submitted failing to re-submit Mental Health ITT Response by deadline**

Any response to the Mental Health ITT which has been made before 25 July 2018 will not constitute a Mental Health ITT Response for the purposes of this procurement process.

This means that if an Applicant that has already submitted a response to the Mental Health ITT does not re-submit that response the LAA will not have received a valid response to the Mental Health ITT. Should these circumstances arise, the Applicant will, therefore, be unsuccessful in their tender to deliver contract work in the Mental Health Category of Law in this procurement process.