



**Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme services in England and Wales
Exclusive Schedule under 2013 Standard Civil Contract (as amended) for
contingency period
Invitation To Tender Information for Applicants**

Introduction

Legal aid Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme (“**HPCDS**”) Services in England and Wales are currently being maintained through contingency arrangements.

The Legal Aid Agency (“**LAA**”) has identified an issue with access to legal aid HPCDS Services covering specific HPCDS Schemes.

The LAA is inviting Applicants to submit a Tender for an Exclusive Schedule under a 2013 Standard Civil Contract (as amended) (“**HPCDS Contract or Contract**”) to deliver HPCDS services in specific courts for an initial period to 30 September 2019 with the right for the LAA to extend the contract from 1 October 2019 for a maximum further 12 months.

The LAA is offering up to four contracts in each of the following HPCDS Schemes:

- Barnet
- Bodmin and Truro
- Grimsby
- Winchester

These Contracts will commence on 17 December 2018.

The LAA is seeking to award HPCDS Contracts to Applicants who:

- a. are able to deliver HPCDS Services through an Office based in the corresponding Housing and Debt Procurement Area and hold authorisation in the Housing and Debt Categories of Law under a 2018 Standard Civil Contract; and
- b. have relevant and recent experience of delivering HPCDS services; and
- c. are able to deliver HPCDS services from 17 December 2018.

Applicants interested in bidding for the Bodmin and Truro Scheme may bid to deliver services at either Bodmin, or Truro or at both courts. Preference will be given to Applicants who confirm their intention to deliver HPCDS services at both courts.

In London Housing and Debt Procurement Areas are small and geographically close, with easy and relatively inexpensive public transport available for Clients. Therefore,

Applicants tendering from an Office in a neighbouring Housing and Debt Procurement Area will be given equal preference to Applicants tendering from an Office in the Barnet Housing and Debt Procurement Area. A list of neighbouring Housing and Debt Procurement Areas which are adjacent to a Scheme Area for the purpose of this procurement is at Annex A.

Where the LAA is unable to secure HPCDS services from organisations able to meet all these requirements, it will consider Tenders from Applicants able to meet only some of them (see section 6).

HPCDS will be scheduled through rotas. Successful Applicants will be required to attend and deliver HPCDS services where requested by Clients at all housing possession listings included in the relevant Scheme during their allocated rota weeks (see paragraphs 1.4 – 1.5).

The allocation of Contract Work to an Applicant is dependent on the number of contracts awarded in a HPCDS. In submitting a Tender, therefore, Applicants must be willing to deliver a minimum of one week in four and a maximum of all weeks of a HPCDS rota (i.e. the entire HPCDS) in the Scheme(s) they have tendered for.

It is a condition of any award of an HPCDS Contract that Applicants must hold and comply with the 2018 Standard Civil Contract and have and maintain an authorisation to undertake mainstream (i.e. non-HPCDS) Contract Work in the Housing and Debt Categories of Law.

The HPCDS Contract being awarded through this procurement process will maintain the current 2013 Standard Civil Contract exclusive schedule arrangements for HPCDS services.

The 2013 Standard Civil Contract has been amended to take account of the fact that the only Contract Work authorised under the HPCDS Contract is HPCDS Contract Work. In addition, there have been amendments made to cover the changes to data protection legislation. Whilst the 2013 Standard Civil Contract incorporates the terms of the Contract for Signature to the 2013 Standard Contract, the HPCDS Contract is offered and accepted by successful Applicants under the terms of a separate offer letter. The separate offer letter details the amendments to the 2013 Standard Civil Contract (please see Annex B).

The Deadline for submitting Tenders is 9am on 26 November 2018 (“Deadline”)

Due to the urgent need for contracts to commence in December to maintain service provision, the timescale from launch to the deadline for submission of tenders has been set at 27 days.

Applicants wishing to deliver services under the HPCDS Contract must submit a Tender which consists of a response to one or more HPCDS ITT(s) (“**ITT Response**”).

This Information for Applicants document (“**IFA**”) provides information about the HPCDS ITTs, including how Applicants submit a Tender, and the rules governing this procurement process.

Before submitting their Tender, Applicants must read this IFA in its entirety and all supplementary information provided, such as Frequently Asked Questions (“FAQs”). Applicants are also strongly advised to read the HPCDS Contract in full to ensure that they understand the full nature and extent of the obligations they are proposing to accept.

Where an Applicant is notified of the LAA’s intention to award them a HPCDS Contract subject to verification, it is the Applicant’s sole responsibility to ensure they provide all necessary verification information.

Where not defined in the body of this IFA, capitalised terms are either defined in the glossary at Annex E or in the HPCDS Contract which is available alongside this IFA and words denoting the singular include the plural and words denoting the plural include the singular.

Timetable

Below is a list of indicative dates for key activities as part of this procurement process. These dates may be subject to change and the LAA will notify Applicants of any changes through the e-Tendering system.

Activity	Timescale
Procurement process opens	30 October 2018
Deadline for questions about this IFA	23.59 on 7 November 2018
‘Frequently Asked Questions’ document published (if required)	Week commencing 12 November 2018
Deadline for submission of Tenders	9am on 26 November 2018
Outcome of Tenders notified to Applicants	Week commencing 3 December 2018
Contract Start Date	17 December 2018

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SECTION 1: OVERVIEW

About the LAA and this procurement process

- 1.1 The LAA, on behalf of the Lord Chancellor, is responsible for commissioning and administering legal aid services (publicly funded advice and representation) across England and Wales in accordance with the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 and associated legislation. All contract documentation is issued by the LAA on behalf of the Lord Chancellor.
- 1.2 The Deadline for submitting Tenders is **9am on 26 November 2018**. All Tenders must be completed and submitted using the e-Tendering system. Late submissions will not be accepted. It is the Applicant's sole responsibility to ensure that the LAA receives its Tender before the Deadline.

What are Applicants tendering for?

- 1.3 The LAA is offering up to four contracts in each of the following Schemes:
 - Barnet
 - Bodmin and Truro
 - Grimsby
 - Winchester
- 1.4 Applicants interested in bidding for the Bodmin and Truro Scheme may bid to deliver services at either Bodmin, or Truro or at both courts. Preference will be given to Applicants who confirm their intention to deliver HPCDS services at both courts.
- 1.5 HPCDS will be scheduled through rotas. Successful Applicants will be required to attend and deliver HPCDS services where requested by Clients at all housing possession listings included in the relevant Scheme during their allocated rota weeks (see paragraph 1.6).
- 1.6 The allocation of Contract Work to an Applicant is dependent on the number of contracts awarded in a HPCDS. In submitting a Tender, therefore, Applicants must be willing to deliver a minimum of one week in four and a maximum of all weeks of a HPCDS rota (i.e. the entire HPCDS) in the Scheme(s) they have

tendered for. The following table illustrates the allocation of work by rota weeks to successful Applicants in a specific Scheme:

	Number of Tenders received by LAA to deliver HPCDS Contract Work in a specific Scheme	Following assessment of Tenders, the number of successful Applicants (to be notified of LAA's intention to award them an Exclusive Schedule under the HPCDS Contract for the Scheme	The resulting allocation of Contract Work by number of rota weeks for the Scheme
Example 1	Four Tenders received	LAA notification of intention to award HPCDS Contract to all four Applicants	One week in every four
Example 2	Three Tenders received	LAA notification of intention to award HPCDS Contract to all three Applicants	One week in every three
Example 3	Two Tenders received	LAA notification of intention to award HPCDS Contract to both Applicants	One week in every two
Example 4	One Tender received	LAA notification of intention to award HPCDS Contract to the sole Applicant	All weeks because all work in Scheme awarded to sole Applicant

1.7 A Tender to deliver Contract Work in a specific Scheme under a HPCDS ITT is known as an “**Individual Bid**”.

Who can bid?

1.8 This Procurement Process is open to any organisation who holds a 2018 Standard Civil Contract in the Housing and Debt Categories.

1.9 The LAA will not accept subcontracting or consortia arrangements for the delivery of HPCDS although the use of Agents is permitted, as set out at paragraphs 1.23 – 1.25.

About this HPCDS Contract

1.10 The LAA is seeking to award a Contract to Applicants who can commence service delivery from 17 December 2018. The Contract Period runs until 30

September 2019 (subject to the LAA's rights of early termination and LAA's right to extend the Contract for up to a further 1 year).

1.11 The HPCDS Contract consists of and is formed of the following parts:

- The Offer Letter (*also known as the Contract for Signature and including the annex*)
- The HPCDS Schedule(s) (*which set out the Scheme(s) a Provider is authorised to undertake work in and any bespoke terms relevant to the delivery of Contract Work including the Rota Arrangements*);
- The 2013 Standard Civil Contract Specification, as amended (which governs how HPCDS Contract Work must be delivered). This is comprised of the General Rules to the 2018 Standard Civil Contract Specification (sections 1-6) and the Category Specific Rules of the 2013 Standard Civil Contract (section 10 only) as amended to relate solely to HPCDS Contract Work; and
- The 2018 Standard Civil Contract Standard Terms.

Payment

1.12 The rules regarding remuneration for HPCDS work are set out in paragraphs 10.19 – 10.23 of the 2013 Standard Civil Contract Specification Category Specific Rules.

1.13 HPCDS Contract Work is Controlled Work. Payment will be monthly in arrears for work done. Payment will be made separately from the Standard Monthly Payment or Variable Monthly Payment for other Controlled Work.

1.14 The LAA will pay Providers for HPCDS Controlled Work properly carried out in accordance with the Contract through a standard fee scheme. The rates payable are those which apply to the 2013 Standard Civil Contract. They are set out in the Remuneration Regulations in Schedule 1 at Table 6. This is available at <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2013/422/schedule/1/made>

1.15 The rate is payable per client and covers all work for a client under the Scheme (including e.g. advice, representation, advice in writing) so that no additional payments will be made. There are no additional payments for travel or waiting.

1.16 Additionally, if in any HPCDS session, no work has been performed for clients the LAA will pay on the basis that one client was seen during the session.

1.17 For the purpose of a HPCDS, "session" means either a morning or afternoon period when the court is in session. Consequently, a court can list a maximum of two sessions per day e.g. 10am – 12 noon and 2pm – 4pm. However, there must be a clear break between sessions listed on the same day for two

payments to be claimed. Where the court lists a full day session e.g. from 10am – 4pm without a clear break, only one payment can be claimed for this full day session.

Reporting

- 1.18 The rules regarding reporting HPCDS Contract Work are set out in paragraph 10.26 of the Category Specific Rules to the 2013 Standard Civil Contract Specification (as amended).
- 1.19 Reporting of work done will be separate from reporting for other Controlled Work. Payment will be triggered by the LAA's receipt of correctly completed monthly monitoring forms on or before their respective due date.
- 1.20 Although eligibility does not depend on the client's financial situation, the LAA does require a short means assessment questionnaire to be carried out for each client seen. This is to let the LAA know how many clients would be eligible for the HPCDS if there were a means test, and to measure the impact a means test might have.

Matter start boundaries

- 1.21 If Providers provide services at Court and, within six months of doing so, subsequently open a new Housing Matter Start in relation to the same case then they cannot claim any payment for providing the Services at Court. However, they may include the time spent under the HPCDS within their claim for the Legal Help Matter Start.

Using Agents

- 1.22 For the purposes of the HPCDS, an Agent is an individual caseworker not employed by the Provider used in the provision of the scheme.
- 1.23 Applicants intending to use Agents should familiarise themselves with the relevant clauses in the 2018 Standard Civil Contract on using Agents. In particular, as the delegation, will, of necessity be of the entire Act of Assistance, because HPCDS cover one-off advice at Court, the conditions in paragraph 2.5 of the General Rules to the 2018 Standard Civil Contract Specification must be satisfied. This means that:
 - a) The Agent's work is subject to the Provider's supervision;
 - b) The Agent is integrated into the Provider's processes, including Data Protection and Equal Opportunities, and is shown in your management structure;
 - c) The Agent's work is covered by the Provider's insurance;
 - d) The Provider retains responsibility for each Act of Assistance or case undertaken by the Agent; and

- e) Matters and cases undertaken by the Agent are not referred to a separate organisation.

1.24 Where an Applicant specifies the use of Agents in its ITT Response, an authorisation to use Agents in that way will form part of the HPCDS Schedule.

About the HPCDS service

1.25 The HPCDS service offers “on-the-day” emergency face-to-face advice and advocacy in court to anyone facing possession proceedings. Anyone in danger of eviction or having their property repossessed can access legal advice and representation on the day of their hearing, regardless of their financial circumstances.

1.26 The Scheme covers the following types of proceedings at court:

- (a) private rented possession proceedings;
- (b) public/registered social landlord rented possession proceedings;
- (c) mortgage possession proceedings;
- (d) applications to stay/suspend execution of warrants of possession;
and
- (e) Clients with charging orders relating to property whereby the Client is at immediate risk of losing their home through a forced sale.

1.27 For Clients within the scope of the Scheme, Providers must provide the following services:

- (a) face-to-face advice to the Client on the day, prior to the hearing;
- (b) advocacy for the relevant proceedings on the day of the hearing;
- (c) face-to-face advice to the Client on the day, post the hearing, explaining the outcome and the options available to the Client;
- (d) on the day of the hearing, assisting Clients to liaise with third parties;
- (e) referrals to other providers to take on follow up work where the Provider is unable to take on this work under their 2018 Standard Civil Contract or where the Client elects to receive assistance from an alternative provider;
- (f) referrals to other appropriate organisations where the Client may not be eligible for Legal Aid;

(g) send a letter to each Client setting out the advice given.

1.28 Under the HPCDS Contract, Providers or their Agents must advise, as required, on all HPCDS Cases that arise at the courts listed in their HPCDS Contract and/or any Alternative Hearing Venues. The scope of Contract Work is defined in the HPCDS Contract Specification.

1.29 Applicants should read the HPCDS Contract in its entirety for further details about HPCDS Contract Work. This can be found at Annex B of this IFA document.

SECTION 2: PROCUREMENT PROCESS REQUIREMENTS

2.1 Applicants wishing to deliver services under a HPCDS Contract must submit a Tender which consists of a response to one or more HPCDS ITTs

2.2 ITT Responses submitted must each be capable of assessment.

2.3 Applicants may not submit more than one response to each HPCDS ITT. Where an Applicant submits more than one ITT Response for the same HPCDS Scheme, only the last submitted prior to the Deadline shall be assessed by the LAA.

2.4 If an ITT Response is not submitted or is incapable of assessment it will be rejected.

2.5 An Applicant must ensure that its entire Tender is capable of concurrent delivery. Where it submits a response to multiple HPCDS ITTs it is warranting that it will be able to deliver concurrent services under all of those HPCDS ITTs if successful.

Minimum requirements

2.6 All Applicants tendering for a HPCDS Contract must be able to evidence how they meet the following requirements:

Minimum Requirement	Evidence required
The Applicant holds a 2018 Standard Civil Contract with authorisation to conduct Contract Work in the Housing and Debt Categories from the Office(s) from which it tenders.	Applicants must declare that they meet this requirement when submitting their Tender. The LAA will check its own records to ensure that Applicants have authorisation to deliver Housing and Debt Categories under a 2018 Standard Civil Contract.

The Applicant must be able and willing to advise on all HPCDS Cases (as required) listed by a court(s) within the relevant Scheme	Applicants must declare that they commit to meeting this requirement when submitting their Tender.
The Applicant must employ or have a Signed Engagement Agreement to employ, from the date the Contract Start Date, a Housing and Debt Supervisor who will be actively engaged in supervising its delivery of the Contract Work in the relevant Scheme	Applicants must declare that they commit to meeting this requirement when submitting their Tender.
The Applicant must have access to an Authorised Litigator	Applicants must declare that they commit to meeting this requirement when submitting their Tender.
All Caseworkers delivering HPCDS Contract Work must: be competent and suitably experienced; and routinely conduct a minimum of 12 hours casework in the Housing and Debt Category per week; and be authorised to advise and represent Clients in relation to housing possession proceedings.	Applicants must declare that they commit to meeting this requirement when submitting their Tender.

SECTION 3: e-TENDERING SYSTEM

- 3.1 All Tenders must be completed and submitted using the e-Tendering system. This can be accessed either through a link on the tender pages of the LAA website or directly at www.legalaid.bravosolution.co.uk
- 3.2 Applicants already registered on the e-Tendering system whose registration details remain up to date do not need to register again. Applicants are encouraged to ensure that they review the contact details held in the e-Tendering system to ensure these are up to date.
- 3.3 Where an Applicant already has multiple registrations on the e-Tendering system it should ensure that it uses the registration which matches the name and trading status of the organisation on whose behalf the Tender is submitted.
- 3.4 Applicants who have forgotten their password, must click on the 'Forgotten your password?' link on the e-Tendering system homepage to get their password reset.
- 3.5 Applicants must familiarise themselves with the e-Tendering system guides available through the 'Technical Support and Guidance' link on the e-Tendering system home page. These provide detailed guidance on how to complete a Tender.

- 3.6 The LAA will communicate with Applicants about this procurement process through the e-Tendering system message board. Applicants must check the message board regularly to ensure that any messages are read promptly. The LAA highly recommends that Applicants set up multiple additional users under their e-Tendering system registration (see 'Technical Support and Guidance' link) as back-up to ensure that urgent messages, which may affect an Applicant's Tender, can be actioned as necessary.
- 3.7 HPCDS ITTs are available via the 'Project' or 'ITT Open to all Suppliers' link on the front page of the e-Tendering system.
- 3.8 All Applicants must submit a Response to at least one of the HPCDS ITTs.
- 3.9 Applicants are not obliged to respond to all of the ITTs; they only need to submit a response to the ITT(s) relevant to the Scheme(s) they wish to deliver. Applicants must ensure that they access and respond to the correct ITT(s).
- 3.10 Applicants must click 'Edit response' to be able to complete their responses to the questions asked. Applicants must click the 'Save Changes' or 'Save and Exit Response' buttons to ensure information inputted is saved.
- 3.11 Once Applicants have completed their response to a HPCDS ITT, they must submit it by clicking on the "Submit Response" button.
- 3.12 Applicants may amend and re-submit their response at any time up to the Deadline. If so amended and re-submitted, only the last response shall be assessed.
- 3.13 An Applicant may check that it has successfully submitted its ITT Response(s) by going to the 'My ITTs' screen, which should show the 'Response status' as 'Response submitted to Buyer'. The registered email address will also receive confirmation when the Applicant submits its ITT Response(s) for the first time. It is therefore important for an Applicant to ensure that any and all contact details held in the e-Tendering system are up to date.
- 3.14 ITT Responses are sealed. This means that the LAA is unable to access submitted ITT Responses prior to the Deadline. The LAA cannot confirm receipt of an ITT Response or Tender, nor can it confirm if an ITT Response or Tender has been completed correctly.
- 3.15 All questions marked with a red asterisk on the e-Tendering system are mandatory. The e-Tendering system will not permit an Applicant to submit its ITT Response(s) unless answers to those questions are provided.
- 3.16 There is a button in the e-Tendering system called 'check mandatory questions'. By clicking on this the e-Tendering system will check that an Applicant has provided a response to all mandatory questions and will flag where a response to a mandatory question has not been given. For the avoidance of doubt, it does not provide an assessment of the responses to those questions or confirmation that they have been answered correctly.
- 3.17 When an Applicant submits its ITT Response(s) for the first time, it will receive an automated message confirming that its response has been successfully submitted. This only provides an indication of whether the ITT Response has

been transmitted to the LAA and not whether the ITT Response or Tender is fully completed and/or will be assessed as being successful.

SECTION 4: COMPLETION OF HPCDS ITTS

4.1 A Tender will consist of a response made through the e-Tendering system to one or more of the HPCDS ITTs.

4.2 The HPCDS ITTs can be found in the e-Tendering system as follows:

- ITT 600 - HPCDS ITT for Barnet Scheme
- ITT 597 – HPCDS ITT for Bodmin and Truro Scheme
- ITT 599 – HPCDS ITT for Grimsby Scheme
- ITT 601 – HPCDS ITT for Winchester Scheme

4.3 Applicants must complete an ITT Response for each HPCDS they wish to deliver.

Bodmin and Truro Scheme

4.4 The Bodmin and Truro HPCDS ITT contains a series of questions covering the following areas:

- Court(s) to be delivered (Section A)
- Office location (Section B)
- HPCDS experience (Section C)
- Ability to commence work on 17 December (Section D)
- Agents (Section E)
- Tie Break (Section F)
- Warranties and Declarations (Section G)

Barnet, Grimsby and Winchester Schemes

4.5 Each HPCDS ITT contains a series of questions covering the following areas:

- Office location (Section A)
- HPCDS experience (Section B)
- Ability to commence work on 17 December (Section C)
- Agents (Section D)
- Tie Break (Section E)
- Warranties and Declarations (Section F)

4.6 A full breakdown of each of the questions for each HPCDS ITT is included in the relevant ITT and is replicated at Annex C.

4.7 Applicants must respond to each question in the relevant ITT by selecting the correct drop-down option or by providing a typed answer in the free text box provided. Each free text box is limited to 2000 characters (including spaces).

- 4.8 Where a question requires a response from a drop-down menu, Applicants may either select an option from the drop-down list or, if they know the answer option they wish to select, use the quick search functionality by typing in the 'response' box in the e-Tendering system.
- 4.9 Where an Applicant is required to provide information in response to the questions in a HPCDS ITT, the responses required must relate to the Applicant that will be delivering the HPCDS and not to any Agents that will be used.
- 4.10 Before submitting its ITT Response an Applicant must check that it has answered all questions correctly. If an ITT Response is incomplete it may be assessed as unsuccessful.
- 4.11 Tenders, including ITT Responses, will not be opened by the LAA until after the Deadline and therefore if an Applicant's Tender is incomplete, this will only be identified on assessment, at which point it shall be too late for Applicant to submit any further information.
- 4.12 The circumstances in which the Tie Break questions will be assessed are set out in section 6.27-6.30 of this IFA (at stage 4 of the evaluation process).

SECTION 5: APPLICANTS' QUESTIONS

- 5.1 If an Applicant has a question about the procurement process to which they cannot find an answer either in this document or in the guidance provided in the e-Tendering system, they may direct it through one of two different channels depending on the nature of the query.

Questions about this IFA

- 5.2 If an Applicant has any questions about the content of this IFA, it may submit them up until **23.59 on 7 November 2018**. This is referred to in the e-Tendering system as the 'End date for supplier clarification messages'.
- 5.3 All such questions must be submitted using the e-Tendering system message boards.
- 5.4 Because of the way the LAA downloads messages from the e-Tendering system, it may appear that Applicants' messages have not been read. Applicants should not assume that this is the case and re-send messages to the LAA. All messages will be responded to. However, during peak periods of activity it may take the LAA longer to respond due to the increased volumes of messages received.
- 5.5 Applicants should assume that questions and answers may be published. Questions that the LAA considers to be of wider interest may be collated and answered centrally in writing to ensure that all potential Applicants have equal access to information. Questions and answers will be published on the LAA's tender pages <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/civil-2018-contracts-tender> in the 'Procurement Process for HPCDS Contracts from December 2018 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)'.

- 5.6 Applicants should note that this is the only opportunity to ask questions about the procurement process. The LAA will not be able to provide responses to questions about the process through any other method.

Technical questions about how to operate the e-Tendering system

- 5.7 There is an e-Tendering helpdesk to provide technical support in relation to the use of the e-Tendering system. The helpdesk is **unable** to assist with problems with Applicants' own computer hardware or systems. For these types of issues Applicants should contact their own IT support.
- 5.8 Questions for the e-Tendering helpdesk should be emailed to: help@bravosolution.co.uk Alternatively, the telephone number for the helpdesk is 0800 069 8630 and lines are open from 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday.
- 5.9 The LAA recommends that Applicants start to complete their Tenders early so that they identify any areas in which they need help as soon as possible as the helpdesk is likely to be very busy in the days leading up to the Deadline. The LAA cannot guarantee that queries received close to the Deadline will be dealt with in time and accepts no responsibility if they are not.
- 5.10 Applicants should note that the e-Tendering helpdesk is the only method by which they can receive assistance on using the e-Tendering system.

SECTION 6: TENDER ASSESSMENT

- 6.1 ITT Responses will be assessed in the following stages:

- Stage 1 – Housing and Debt Contract check
- Stage 2 – HPCDS ITT assessment
- Stage 3 – Declarations and warranties assessment
- Stage 4 – Tie Break (where applicable)
- Stage 5 – Contract award

Stage 1 – Housing and Debt Contract check

- 6.2 As set out at paragraph 2.6, the LAA will check its own records to ensure that the Applicant holds a 2018 Standard Civil Contract with authorisation to deliver Contract Work in the Housing and Debt Categories of Law.
- 6.3 Where the LAA's own records show that an Applicant does not meet the requirement set out in paragraph 6.2, the ITT Response will be rejected in its entirety.

Stage 2 – HPCDS ITT assessment

- 6.4 The LAA is seeking to award HPCDS Contracts to Applicants who:

- are able to deliver the HPCDS service through an Office based in the corresponding Housing and Debt Procurement Areas and hold authorisation in the Housing and Debt Categories of Law; and
- have relevant and recent experience of delivering HPCDS in the past; and
- are able to deliver the HPCDS services from the Contract Start Date.

For the avoidance of doubt, when assessing an Applicant's relevant and recent experience of delivering HPCDS in the past, the LAA will only take into account the Applicant's own experience. That means the experience which has been accrued by the Applicant through its own delivery of HPCDS. It does not include any experience of Key Personnel, employees or other individuals which has been gained whilst delivering HPCDS for any other organisation.

Where the LAA is unable to secure services from organisations able to meet all these requirements, it will consider bids from Applicants not able to meet all these requirements in full (see paragraphs 6.10 – 6.21)

Tender assessment where Applicants are able to satisfy all criteria in full

Barnet Scheme

- 6.5 In assessing the Tenders received, the LAA will give first preference to organisations who are able to meet all of the following criteria:
- a. are able to deliver the HPCDS service through an Office based in the corresponding or neighbouring Housing and Debt Procurement Areas and

which holds authorisation in the Housing and Debt Categories of Law; and
 - b. have relevant and recent experience of delivering HPCDS in the past 3 years; and
 - c. are able to deliver the HPCDS services from 17 December 2018.

Bodmin and Truro Scheme

- 6.6 In assessing the Tenders received, the LAA will give first preference to organisations who are able to meet all of the following criteria:
- a. able to deliver HPCDS services in both Bodmin and Truro courts; and
 - b. have tendered to deliver HPCDS services through an Office based in the corresponding Housing and Debt Procurement Area and have authorisation to deliver Housing & Debt Contract Work under a 2018 Standard Civil Contract at this Office; and
 - c. have experience of delivering HPCDS services within the last 3 years; and
 - d. are able to deliver the HPCDS services from 17 December 2018.

Grimsby and Winchester Schemes

- 6.7 In assessing the Tenders received, the LAA will give first preference to organisations who are able to meet all of the following criteria:
- a. have tendered to deliver HPCDS services through an Office based in the corresponding Housing and Debt Procurement Area and have authorisation to deliver Housing & Debt Contract Work under a 2018 Standard Civil Contract at this Office; and
 - b. have experience of delivering HPCDS services within the last 3 years; and
 - c. are able to deliver the HPCDS services from 17 December 2018.
- 6.8 The LAA will check its own records to confirm that Applicants have experience of delivering HPCDS services within the last 3 years, as required. Where the LAA's own records do not confirm that, the Applicant will be assessed in accordance with paragraph 8.13 of this IFA.
- 6.9 Where the LAA receives a Tender(s) for a HPCDS from an Applicant(s) who meets all three requirements detailed at paragraph 6.4, it will award the HPCDS Contract(s) to this Applicant(s) only, up to a maximum of four Applicants. Example 1 below sets out how contracts will be awarded where Applicants are able to meet all three requirements detailed at paragraphs 6.5 – 6.7:

Example 1

The LAA receives two HPCDS ITT Responses for the Barnet Scheme.

Applicant 1 provides:

- details of an Office in the Barnet Housing and Debt Procurement Area
- confirmation of experience of delivering HPCDS services within the last 3 years
- confirmation that they are able to deliver the HPCDS services from 17 December 2018.

Applicant 2 provides:

- details of an Office in the non-neighbouring Southwark Housing and Debt Procurement Area
- confirmation of experience of delivering HPCDS services within the last 3 years
- confirmation that they are able to deliver the HPCDS services from 17 December 2018.

As Applicant 1 is able to meet each of the LAA's criteria in full, only Applicant 1 will be awarded a Contract to deliver the Barnet Scheme.

Tender assessment where Applicants are able to satisfy the criteria in part

Barnet Scheme

- 6.10 Where Applicants are able to meet some but not all of the preference criteria set out in paragraph 6.5 they may still apply for a HPCDS Contract and be successful through this procurement process. Where the LAA does not receive bids from Applicants able to meet the requirements set out in paragraph 6.5 the LAA will give second preference to organisations who:
- a. are able to deliver the HPCDS service through an Office based in the corresponding or neighbouring Housing and Debt Procurement Areas and which holds authorisation in the Housing and Debt Categories of Law; and
 - b. have relevant and recent experience of delivering HPCDS within the past 5 years; and
 - c. are able to deliver the HPCDS services from 17 December 2018.

Bodmin and Truro Scheme

- 6.11 Where Applicants are able to meet some but not all of the preference criteria set out in paragraph 6.6 they may still apply for a HPCDS Contract and be successful through this procurement process. Where the LAA does not receive bids from Applicants able to meet the requirements set out in paragraph 6.6 the LAA will give second preference to organisations who:
- a. able to deliver HPCDS services in either Bodmin or Truro court; and
 - b. have tendered to deliver HPCDS services through an Office based in the corresponding Housing and Debt Procurement Area and have authorisation to deliver Housing & Debt Contract Work under a 2018 Standard Civil Contract at this Office; and
 - c. have experience of delivering HPCDS services within the last 3 years; and
 - d. are able to deliver the HPCDS services from 17 December 2018.

Grimsby and Winchester Schemes

- 6.12 Where Applicants are able to meet some but not all of the preference criteria set out in paragraph 6.7 they may still apply for a HPCDS Contract and be successful through this procurement process. Where the LAA does not receive bids from Applicants able to meet the requirements set out in paragraph 6.7 the LAA will give second preference to organisations who:
- a. have tendered to deliver HPCDS services through an Office based in a neighbouring Housing and Debt Procurement Area and have authorisation to deliver Housing & Debt Contract Work under a 2018 Standard Civil Contract at this Office; and
 - b. have experience of delivering HPCDS services within the last 3 years; and

- c. are able to deliver the HPCDS services from 17 December 2018.
- 6.13 The LAA will check its own records to confirm that Applicants have experience of delivering HPCDS Services within the last 3 years, as required. Where the LAA's own records do not confirm that the Applicant will be assessed in accordance with paragraph 8.13 of this IFA.
- 6.14 Where no Applicant for a Scheme can meet all the criteria in full but the LAA receives a Tender for a HPCDS from at least one Applicant who meets the second preference criteria detailed at paragraph 6. – 6.12, it will award HPCDS Contracts to this Applicant(s) only, up to a maximum of four HPCDS Contracts. Example 2 below sets out how contracts will be awarded where Applicants are able to meet the requirements detailed at paragraphs 6.10 – 6.12:

Example 2

The LAA receives three HPCDS ITT Responses for the Grimsby Scheme.

Applicant 1 provides:

- details of an Office in the neighbouring Housing and Debt Procurement Area of Lincolnshire
- confirmation of experience of delivering HPCDS services within the last 3 years
- confirmation that they are able to deliver the HPCDS services from 17 December 2018.

Applicant 2 provides:

- details of an Office in the neighbouring Housing and Debt Procurement Area of Doncaster
- confirmation of experience of delivering HPCDS Contract Work within the last 3 years
- confirmation that they are able to deliver the HPCDS services from 17 December 2018.

Applicant 3 provides:

- details of an Office in the non-neighbouring Housing and Debt Procurement Area of Greater Nottinghamshire
- confirmation of experience of delivering HPCDS Contract Work within the last 3 years
- confirmation that they are able to deliver the HPCDS services from 17 December 2018.

As both Applicants 1 and 2 are able to meet the second preference criteria by delivering the Service from an Office in a neighbouring Procurement Area, both Applicants 1 and 2 will be awarded a HPCDS Contract to deliver the Grimsby Scheme.

- 6.15 Where Applicants are able to meet some but not all of the preference criteria set out in either paragraph 6.5 – 6.7 or 6.10 – 6.14 they may still apply for a HPCDS Contract and be successful through this procurement process.
- 6.16 In Schemes where the LAA does not receive bids from Applicants able to meet the requirements set out in paragraphs 6.4 or 6.7 the LAA will give third preference to organisations who:
- i.a. have tendered to deliver this Service through an Office based in the corresponding Housing and Debt Procurement Area (Bodmin and Truro, Grimsby, Walsall and Winchester Schemes) or non-neighbouring Housing and Debt Procurement Areas (Barnet Scheme) and have authorisation to deliver Housing & Debt Contract Work under a 2018 Standard Civil Contract at this Office; and
 - i.b. who have experience of delivering HPCDS Services within the last 5 years; and
 - i.c. are able to deliver the HPCDS services from 17 December 2018.
- Or
- ii. a. have tendered to deliver this Service through an Office based in the neighbouring Housing and Debt Procurement Area (Bodmin and Truro, Grimsby, Walsall and Winchester Schemes) and have authorisation to deliver Housing & Debt Contract Work under a 2018 Standard Civil Contract at this Office;
 - ii.b and who have experience of delivering the Service in the last 5 years; and
 - ii.c are able to deliver the HPCDS services from 17 December 2018.
- Or
- iii.a have tendered to deliver this Service through any Office with authorisation to deliver Housing & Debt Contract Work under a 2018 Standard Civil Contract; and
 - iii.b who have experience of delivering the Service within the last 3 or 5 years; and
 - iii.c are able to deliver the HPCDS services from 17 December 2018.
- 6.17 Where none of the Applicants meet the criteria set out in paragraph 6.16 because they are unable to commence the delivery of HPCDS service from 17 December 2018, preference will be given to Applicants who are able to commence delivering these services as soon after 17 December 2018 as possible.
- 6.18 The LAA will check its own records to confirm that Applicants have experience of delivering HPCDS Services within the last 3 or 5 years, as required. Where the LAA's own records do not confirm that the Applicant will be assessed in accordance with paragraph 8.13 of this IFA.
- 6.19 Where the LAA receives Tenders from four or fewer Applicants who meet the criteria set out in 6.11, it will award Contracts to all Applicants who have

tendered for the relevant Scheme through the rota system set out at paragraphs 1.5 – 1.6.

- 6.20 Where the LAA receives Tenders from more than four Applicants who meet the criteria set out in 6.16, the LAA will give preference to Applicants who have tendered to deliver this Service through an Office based in the corresponding Housing and Debt Procurement Area and have authorisation to deliver Housing & Debt Contract Work under a 2018 Standard Civil Contract at this Office and award Contracts to only those Applicants who meet the criteria set out in paragraph 6.16 i.a - c.
- 6.21 Where the LAA does not receive any Tenders which meet the criteria set out in paragraph 6.16 i.a - c, it will award Contracts to Applicants who the criteria set out in paragraph 6.16 ii.a - c.
- 6.22 Where the LAA does not receive any Tenders which meet the criteria set out in paragraphs 6.16 i.a - c or 6.16 ii.a - c, it will award Contracts to Applicants who meet the criteria set out in paragraph 6.16 iii.a - c. An illustration of the rules set out in paragraphs 6.16 – 6.21 are set out in Examples 3 and 4 below:

Example 3

The LAA receives five HPCDS ITT Responses for the Grimsby Scheme

Applicant 1 provides:

- details of an Office in the Housing and Debt Procurement Area of North East Lincolnshire & North Lincolnshire
- confirmation of experience of delivering HPCDS Contract Work within the last 5 years
- confirmation that they are able to deliver the HPCDS services from 17 December 2018.

Applicant 2 provides:

- details of an Office in the non-neighbouring Housing and Debt Procurement Area of Leeds
- confirmation of experience of delivering HPCDS Contract Work within the last 3 years
- confirmation that they are able to deliver the HPCDS services from 17 December 2018.

Applicant 3 provides:

- details of an Office in the Housing and Debt Procurement Area of North East Lincolnshire & North Lincolnshire
- confirmation of experience of delivering HPCDS Contract Work within the last 5 years
- confirmation that they are able to deliver the HPCDS services from 17 December 2018.

Applicant 4 provides:

- details of an Office in the Housing and Debt Procurement Area of North East Lincolnshire & North Lincolnshire
- confirmation of experience of delivering HPCDS Contract Work within the last 5 years
- confirmation that they are able to deliver the HPCDS services from 17 December 2018.

Applicant 5 provides:

- details of an Office in the non-neighbouring Housing and Debt Procurement Area of North Nottinghamshire
- confirmation of experience of delivering HPCDS Contract Work within the last 5 years
- confirmation that they are able to deliver the HPCDS services from 17 December 2018.

None of the HPCDS ITT Responses received meet the criteria set out in paragraphs 6.5 – 6.7 and 6.10 – 6.12.

As set out at paragraph 6.19 as the LAA has received Tenders from more than four Applicants who meet the criteria set out in 6.16(i) – (iii), the LAA will give preference to Applicants who have tendered to deliver this Service through an Office based in the corresponding Housing and Debt Procurement Area and have authorisation to deliver Housing & Debt Contract Work under a 2018 Standard Civil Contract at this Office.

In this example, Applicants 1, 3 and 4 will be awarded Contracts. These Applicants have Tendered from an Office in the relevant Housing and Debt Procurement Area, have experience of delivering HPCDS within the last 5 years and are able to deliver the service from 17 December 2018

Example 4

The LAA receives two HPCDS ITT Responses for the Winchester Scheme

Applicant 1 provides:

- details of an Office in the neighbouring Housing and Debt Procurement Area of West Sussex
- confirmation of experience of delivering HPCDS Contract Work within the last 5 years
- confirmation that they are able to deliver the HPCDS services from 17 December 2018.

Applicant 2 provides:

- details of an Office in the neighbouring Housing and Debt Procurement Area of Hampshire
- confirmation of experience of delivering HPCDS Contract Work within the last 3 years
- confirmation that they are able to deliver the HPCDS services from 17 December 2018

None of the HPCDS ITT Responses received meet the criteria set out in paragraphs 6.5 – 6.7 and 6.10 – 6.12.

As set out at paragraph 6.18 where the LAA receives Tenders from four or fewer Applicants who meet the criteria set out in 6.16, it will award Contracts to all Applicants who have tendered for the relevant Scheme.

Stage 3 - Declarations and warranties assessment

- 6.23 The LAA will review the warranties and declarations given in an Applicant's ITT Response (Section F of each HPCDS ITT) to ensure the Applicant has provided the necessary declarations and warranties.
- 6.24 The LAA will assess the declarations and warranties on the basis of information submitted. Responses will be assessed on a pass or fail basis.
- 6.25 Where the Applicant fails to provide the necessary declarations and warranties, the whole ITT Response may fail.
- 6.26 Applicants who are assessed as having provided the necessary declarations and warranties will be eligible for the award of a HPCDS Contract, and their Tender will be assessed as successful.

Stage 4 – Tie Break

Barnet Scheme

- 6.27 Where more than 4 Applicants are tied following Stages 1-3 of the tender assessment process outlined above, meaning the LAA is unable to select the four Applicants to be awarded a Contract in the Barnet Scheme, the LAA will give preference to those Applicants who have provided details of an Office in the Housing and Debt Procurement Area of Barnet.
- 6.28 If, following the process set out in 6.27, more than 4 Applicants remain tied the LAA will consider the tied Applicants' responses to the three Tie Break questions in accordance with paragraph 6.31 and award the Contract to the 4 Applicants that achieve the higher scores for the Tie Break. The rules outlined in paragraphs 6.27- 6.28 are illustrated in Example 5 below:

Example 5

The LAA receives six HPCDS ITT Responses for the Barnet Scheme. All six Applicants meet all the preference criteria set out in paragraph 6.5 in full.

Applicant 1 provides:

- details of an Office in the Housing and Debt Procurement Area of Barnet
- confirmation of experience of delivering HPCDS Contract Work within the last 3 years
- confirmation that they are able to deliver the HPCDS services from 17 December 2018.

Applicant 2 provides:

- details of an Office in the neighbouring Housing and Debt Procurement Area of Camden
- confirmation of experience of delivering HPCDS Contract Work within the last 3 years
- confirmation that they are able to deliver the HPCDS services from 17 December 2018.

Applicant 3 provides:

- details of an Office in the Housing and Debt Procurement Area of Barnet
- confirmation of experience of delivering HPCDS Contract Work within the last 3 years
- confirmation that they are able to deliver the HPCDS services from 17 December 2018.

Applicant 4 provides:

- details of an Office in the Housing and Debt Procurement Area of Barnet
- confirmation of experience of delivering HPCDS Contract Work within the last 3 years
- confirmation that they are able to deliver the HPCDS services from 17 December 2018.

Applicant 5 provides:

- details of an Office in the Housing and Debt Procurement Area of Barnet
- confirmation of experience of delivering HPCDS Contract Work within the last 3 years
- confirmation that they are able to deliver the HPCDS services from 17 December 2018.

Applicant 6 provides:

- details of an Office in the Housing and Debt Procurement Area of Barnet
- confirmation of experience of delivering HPCDS Contract Work within the last 3 years
- confirmation that they are able to deliver the HPCDS services from 17 December 2018

In this example preference will be given to Applicants 1,3,4,5 and 6 in accordance with paragraph 6.26 as they all have an Office in the Housing & Debt Procurement Area of Barnet. As that leaves 5 Applicants tied, those 5 Applicants' responses to the 3 Tie Break questions will be assessed to identify the 4 Applicants who will be awarded a Contract.

Bodmin and Truro, Grimsby and Winchester Schemes

6.29 Where more than 4 Applicants are tied following Stages 1-3 of the tender assessment process outlined above, meaning the LAA is unable to select the four Applicants to be awarded a Contract in a Scheme(s), the LAA will review the date Applicants are able to start delivering the service and preference will be given to the 4 Applicants who are able to start delivering the service closest to 17 December 2018.

6.30 If, following the process set out in 6.28, more than 4 Applicants remain tied the LAA will consider the tied Applicants' responses to the three Tie Break questions in accordance with paragraph 6.31 and award the Contract to the 4 Applicants that achieve the higher scores for the Tie Break.

Assessment of Tie Break

6.31 There are three Tie Break questions. The first two require the Applicant to select from a drop-down list, and attract a maximum potential score for each question of 4 points. The third Tie Break question will be scored between 0-5 using the following scoring matrix:

Scoring Matrix

Score (0-5)	Scoring Criteria:
0	<p>Unacceptable: The following is indicative of factors that would lead to a score of 0:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Applicant fails to respond to the sub-criteria or there is substantial failure to properly address any issues/areas listed in the sub-criteria
1	<p>Poor response: The following is indicative of factors that would lead to a score of 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little or no detail provided to answer the sub-criteria or a generic or vague response is provided making no reference to the specific issues/areas listed in the sub-criteria • The response provided requires the reviewer to make assumptions • The response provides confused and/or contradictory information in relation to other responses
2	<p>Satisfactory: The following is indicative of factors that would lead to a score of 2:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The response engages with the sub-criteria but does not specifically address all issues/areas listed in the sub-criteria • The Applicant provides limited evidence/information indicating how it meets the sub-criteria
3	<p>Good: The following is indicative of factors that would lead to a score of 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The response addresses all issues/areas listed in the sub-criteria • The Applicant provides some evidence/information how it meets the sub-criteria • The response provides consistent information in relation to other responses
4	<p>Very Good: The following is indicative of factors that would lead to a score of 4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The response addresses all issues/areas listed in the sub-criteria with a high level of detail • The Applicant provides greater evidence/information indicating how it meets the sub-criteria • The response provides consistent information in relation to other responses
5	<p>Excellent: The following is indicative of factors that would lead to a score of 5:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The response addresses all issues/areas listed in the sub-criteria in a comprehensive manner • The Applicant provides high quality evidence/information indicating how it meets the sub-criteria • The response provides consistent information in relation to other responses

6.32 To score higher points on the third Tie Break question, Applicants should reference the specific HPCDS Contract requirements, including demonstrating that their response is applicable to the specific characteristics of the Scheme being bid for (e.g. Case volumes). Responses that are not Scheme-specific are likely to achieve lower points.

Stage 5 – Contract award

6.33 All Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their Tender through the e-Tendering message board.

6.34 The LAA intends to notify Applicants of the outcome of their Tender in November 2018.

6.35 There is no right of appeal against the LAA's assessment of ITT Responses.

SECTION 7: NOTIFICATION OF TENDER OUTCOMES

7.1 The ITT Response(s) submitted by the Applicant will be assessed and Applicants will be notified in accordance with the timelines set out in this IFA.

7.2 Notification of the outcome of Tenders will be sent via the e-tendering system.

SECTION 8: GENERAL RULES OF THIS PROCUREMENT PROCESS

Introduction

8.1 This procurement process is governed by this IFA which represents a complete statement of the rules of the procurement process. This IFA supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or undertakings, whether written or oral. References to 'Tender' include, as applicable, any submission forming part of a Tender such as the Response to ITTs.

8.2 'Legal services' are classified as Social and Other Specific Services to which The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (the "Regulations") only apply in part. The LAA is not bound by any of the Regulations except those which specifically apply to the procurement of Social and Other Specific Services.

8.3 This IFA and any supplementary documents issued as part of this procurement process (including the ITTs) are governed and construed in accordance with English Law.

Submitting a Tender

8.4 The Applicant agrees to comply with the rules (contained in this Section 8 and elsewhere in this IFA) of this procurement process, the terms of the user agreement governing the use of the LAA e-Tendering system and any contract awarded to them by the LAA (including any conditions of contract award). If the Applicant fails to comply with the rules of this procurement process and/or the terms of the user agreement, the LAA will assess the Applicant's Tender as unsuccessful.

8.5 The Applicant must submit a complete Tender (in accordance with paragraph 8.8) by the Deadline. For the purposes of the Deadline, the time specified on the e-Tendering system shall be the definitive time. A Tender will be rejected if it is submitted by the Applicant after the Deadline. The LAA will not consider:

- (a) any requests by the Applicant to amend or submit the Tender after the Deadline; or,
- (b) any requests by the Applicant for an extension of the time or date fixed for the submission of the Tender

and the Applicant accepts all responsibility for ensuring all parts of its Tender are submitted through the e-Tendering system by the Deadline.

- 8.6 The Applicant must submit a complete Tender (in accordance with paragraph 8.8) using the e-Tendering system at www.legalaid.bravosolution.co.uk. The LAA will not consider any Tender submitted by the Applicant in any other form, or by any other method.
- 8.7 A Tender must be authorised by one of the following:
- (a) the Applicant's COLP, HOLP or CM (or proposed COLP, HOLP or CM);
or,
 - (b) where the Applicant is not authorised by a Relevant Professional Body, a member of Key Personnel who either:
 - (i) has decision and / or veto rights over decisions relating to the running of the Applicant; or
 - (ii) has the right to exercise, or actually exercises, significant influence or control over the Applicant
- 8.8 The Applicant must submit a complete Tender prior to the Deadline. The Applicant must reply to every question in the Tender and upload all requested documentation, even if it has previously provided this information or if it is otherwise of the view that the LAA is already aware of such information.
- 8.9 The Applicant may only submit one Tender (i.e. a maximum of one HPCDS ITT Response per Scheme). Where an Applicant submits more than one ITT Response for the same Scheme, the LAA will assess only the last ITT Response submitted prior to the Deadline.
- 8.10 The Applicant may amend and re-submit its Tender at any time up to the Deadline. Only the last Tender submitted by an Applicant prior to the Deadline will be considered by the LAA.
- 8.11 The Applicant must ensure that its Tender is fully and accurately completed. The Applicant must ensure that information provided as part of its response is of sufficient quality and detail that an informed assessment of it can be made by the LAA.
- 8.12 Subject to the LAA's right to clarify at paragraph 8.26, the Applicant will not be permitted to amend or alter the Tender after the Deadline except in circumstances expressly permitted by the LAA.
- 8.13 In the event of any conflict between the information, answers or responses submitted as part of a Tender, without prejudice to the other rules of the procurement process, including the LAA's right to clarify, the conflict will be resolved by accepting the information, answer or document least favourable to the Applicant. This may mean that the LAA may reject the Tender in whole or in part.
- 8.14 When providing Contract Work within Wales, the Applicant must ensure it is accessible to, and understandable by, clients whose language of choice is

Welsh, in accordance with the Welsh Language Act 1993 and Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 and any other relevant statutory instruments which come into force from time to time.

- 8.15 The Applicant, by submitting a Tender, warrants to the LAA that:
- (i) it has complied with all the rules and instructions applicable to this IFA and the e-Tendering system in all respects;
 - (ii) all information, representations and other matters of fact communicated (whether in writing or otherwise) to the LAA by the Applicant are true, complete and accurate in all respects; and
 - (iii) it has capacity to concurrently deliver all of the services it has submitted a Tender for.
- 8.16 The Applicant must keep any Tender valid and capable of acceptance by the LAA up to the Contract Start Date.
- 8.17 By submitting a Tender the Applicant agrees to be bound by the Contract without further negotiation or amendment.
- 8.18 The Applicant must monitor and respond as appropriate to messages received through the e-Tendering system throughout this procurement process and the LAA accepts no liability where the Applicant fails to do so. All communication with Applicants through the e-Tendering system, including that outlined in 9.21 will be deemed to have been received by the Applicant at the time of transmission in the e-Tendering system. The time specified in the e-Tendering system shall be the definitive time.
- 8.19 Any Frequently Asked Questions published through the e-Tendering system in accordance with Section 5 of this IFA will form part of the documentation for this procurement process. Applicants should have regard to the relevant Frequently Asked Questions documents prior to submitting a Tender.
- 8.20 Without prejudice to any warranties given, these rules of the procurement process do not form a separate collateral contract between the Applicant and the LAA. The Applicant's Tender will form part of any Contract subsequently awarded.

Right to Cancel or Amend the Procurement Process

- 8.21 The LAA reserves the right to amend the procurement process (including any related documentation) at any time. Any notices of amendments will be published on the LAA's website at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/civil-2018-contracts-tender> and notified to individual Applicants through a message on the e-Tendering system.
- 8.22 A Tender submitted by an Applicant which does not comply with any amendments made in accordance with 8.21 before the Deadline may be rejected.

- 8.23 The LAA reserves the right to suspend or cancel the procurement process in its entirety or in part, and not to proceed to award contracts at any time at its absolute discretion.
- 8.24 While the LAA has taken all reasonable steps to ensure, as at the date of the issue of the IFA, that the facts which are contained both within it and associated documents are true and accurate in all material respects, it does not make any representation or warranty as to the accuracy or completeness or otherwise of these documents, or the reasonableness of any assumptions on which these documents may be based. If contradictory information is contained in this IFA and / or associated documents, the provisions of this Section 8 will take precedence.
- 8.25 All information supplied by the LAA to the Applicant, including that within the IFA, is subject to that Applicant's own due diligence. The LAA accepts no liability to the Applicant whatsoever resulting from the use of the IFA and any associated documents, or any omissions from or deficiencies in them.

Right to Clarify / Verify

- 8.26 The LAA may at its sole discretion seek to clarify or verify the Applicant's Tender. It will not do so where this would afford an Applicant the opportunity to improve its Tender by submitting a changed bid which would constitute a new tender. Where it does exercise its discretion to seek clarification or verification, in making its decision following receipt of an Applicant's response, the LAA will not take into account any information received which falls outside of the scope of the specific clarification or verification it is seeking.
- 8.27 Where the LAA contacts the Applicant in circumstances outlined in 8.26, the Applicant must provide the information requested by the date specified by the LAA. Any information provided by the Applicant after the specified date may not be taken into account by the LAA when evaluating the Applicant's Tender.
- 8.28 The ITTs request some non-assessed information that the LAA requires to be able to progress the issuing of contract documentation. Where this non-assessed information is not provided or is inaccurate in the Tender, the LAA may contact the Applicant for these details. If the Applicant fails to provide the accurate information requested this will not result in a Tender being unsuccessful. However, this may delay the issuing of contract documentation to an Applicant who has been successful. That may prevent the Applicant from commencing and being paid for services under the Contract.

Right to Exclude

- 8.29 If the LAA receives information to suggest that any aspect of the Applicant's Tender is false, misleading or incorrect in any material way it may undertake such enquiries as it considers necessary to determine the accuracy of the Tender. The Applicant must assist with any such enquiries.

- 8.30 The LAA reserves the right at its absolute discretion to disqualify from the procurement process any Applicant for submitting:
- (i) false information; and/or
 - (ii) information which misrepresents the Applicants actual position; and/or
 - (iii) misleading information.
- 8.31 Paragraph 8.30 of this IFA applies regardless of whether the information concerned was submitted with the intention of misleading the LAA or misrepresenting the Applicant's actual position or whether it was submitted recklessly, negligently or innocently.

Canvassing

- 8.32 The Applicant (including its employees and agents) must not, whether directly or indirectly:
- (a) canvass, or attempt to obtain any information from, any Ministers, officers, employees, agents or advisers of the LAA in connection with this procurement process; or
 - (b) offer or agree to pay or give any sum of money, inducement or valuable consideration to any person for doing or having done or causing or having caused to be done any act or omission in relation to this procurement process.

Collusion

- 8.33 The Applicant must not collude with any other person or organisation in any way during this procurement process. This would include, but not be limited to, the following examples:
- (a) Fixing or adjusting any element of its Tender by agreement with any other person, unless such an act would reasonably be permitted as part of this procurement process;
 - (b) Communicating to any other person any information relating to any fees or rates contained in the Applicant's Tender which will be competitively assessed as part of the procurement process, unless such communication is with a person who is a participant in the Applicant's Tender;
 - (c) Entering in to any agreement with any person for the purpose of inciting that person to refrain from submitting a Tender;
 - (d) Sharing, permitting or disclosing access to any information relating to its Tender.
- 8.34 If the LAA reasonably believes that the Applicant has colluded with another person in any way that breaches paragraph 8.33, the LAA may (without

prejudice to any other criminal or civil remedies available to it) immediately exclude the Applicant from any further involvement in this procurement process.

Award

- 8.35 Where a material change occurs to the Tender information submitted by an Applicant, including issues relating to any current contract the Applicant holds, the Applicant must inform the LAA. The LAA will conduct a re-assessment to ensure the Tender is not adversely impacted. If upon re-assessment, the Applicant's Tender is deemed to be unsuccessful or any conditions of contract award are not met, the LAA will not proceed with any decision made to award a contract. Failure to notify the LAA of a material change may result in disqualification from the procurement process and/or termination of the contract.
- 8.36 The LAA reserves the right, prior to any execution of a Contract, to carry out further due diligence checks as it deems necessary or appropriate. Where, as part of any due diligence, an Applicant is found not to comply with any of the minimum contract requirements which the Applicant committed to meeting in its Tender, the LAA will not proceed with any decision made to award a contract.
- 8.37 The LAA reserves the right to place additional contractual conditions on the award of a contract to an individual Applicant.
- 8.38 The award of a contract does not guarantee a minimum amount of work for the Applicant or that a minimum level of income will be generated for the Applicant as a result of that contract.

Appeal and costs and expenses of Tender

- 8.39 There is no right of appeal against the LAA's assessment of HPCDS ITT Responses, including, for example, in respect of any mistakes, inaccuracies or errors made by the Applicant in its Tender. Where an Applicant seeks to appeal on other grounds not covered by this paragraph, any such appeal will be rejected. For the avoidance of doubt there is no right of appeal based on a purported failure of the LAA to clarify Tender information.
- 8.45 The Applicant is solely responsible for its own costs and expenses incurred in connection with the preparation and submission of a Tender irrespective of any subsequent cancellation or suspension of this procurement process by the LAA. Under no circumstances will the LAA, or any of its employees, be liable for any costs incurred by the Applicant.

Confidentiality, Data Protection & Freedom of Information

- 8.46 The LAA may share any information contained in an Applicant's Tender with the provider of the e-Tendering system for the purposes of administering the procurement process.

- 8.47 The Applicant should note that under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the “FOIA”) the LAA may be required to disclose details of its Tender in response to a request from third parties, either during or after the procurement process. The LAA can only withhold information where it is covered by a valid exemption as set out in the FOIA.
- 8.48 If an Applicant is concerned about possible disclosure it should contact the LAA and clearly identify the specific parts of the Tender that it considers commercially sensitive or confidential (within the meaning of the FOIA), the harm that disclosure may cause and an estimated timescale for that sensitivity. The Applicant must familiarise itself with the Information Commissioner’s current position on the disclosure and non-disclosure of commercially sensitive information and accordingly should not notify the LAA of a blanket labelling of its entire Tender as confidential.
- 8.49 The Applicant must be aware that the receipt by the LAA of information marked ‘confidential’ does not mean that the LAA accepts any duty of confidence in relation to that marking. Neither does the LAA guarantee that information identified by the Applicant as confidential will not be disclosed where the public interest favours disclosure pursuant to the LAA’s obligations under FOIA.
- 8.50 The LAA, will collect, hold and use Personal Data obtained from and about the Applicant and its Key Personnel during the course of the procurement process.
- 8.51 By submitting a Tender an Applicant consents and confirms that they have obtained all necessary consents from the relevant Data Subject to such Personal Data being processed and used in accordance with and/or for the purposes of administering the procurement process as contemplated by the IFA, the Tender and for the management of any Contract subsequently awarded.
- 8.52 The LAA and the Applicant anticipate that the LAA shall act as a Controller and Processor in respect of any Personal Data provided to it by the Applicant as a requirement of the Tender.
- 8.53 The Applicant warrants and undertakes, as a condition of the Tender, to the LAA, on a continuing basis, that:
- (a) the Applicant has all the requisite and necessary authority (and has obtained and will maintain all necessary consents) required under and/or in connection with the Data Protection Laws to disclose the Personal Data to the LAA in connection with the Tender to enable the LAA to carry out the procurement process; and
 - (b) all the Data Subjects whose Personal Data is provided by the Applicant to the LAA have consented to the Processing of such Personal Data for the purposes of the Applicant’s participation in the Tender (and/or that the Applicant otherwise has a legal basis for providing such Personal Data to the LAA for the purposes of its participation in the Tender) and within 7 days

of any request by the LAA, the Applicant shall provide the LAA with evidence of such lawful basis and/or consent (as the case may be); and

(c) the Applicant shall at all times during the Tender process comply with the Data Protection Laws.

- 8.54 The Applicant agrees that it shall notify the LAA immediately if any Data Subject revokes, withdraws and/or changes their consent to the disclosure of the Personal Data to the LAA in connection with the Tender.
- 8.55 The LAA shall implement and maintain appropriate technical and organisational security measures to comply with the obligations imposed on the LAA by the Security Requirements.
- 8.56 The LAA may disclose any documentation or information submitted by the Applicant as part of a Tender, whether commercially sensitive or not, for the purposes of complying with any control and/or reporting obligations, to any other central Government Department or Executive Agency. For the avoidance of doubt, information will not be disclosed outside Government for these purposes. By submitting a Tender, Applicants consent to documentation and information being held and used for these purposes.
- 8.57 The LAA will publish details of all contracts awarded in accordance with the Government's transparency standards.
- 8.58 Following completion of this procurement process, the LAA will retain copies of the Tender for such time as it considers reasonable to satisfy the LAA's audit obligations and for any associated contract management purposes.

Copyright & Intellectual Property Rights

- 8.59 The information contained in this IFA is subject to Crown Copyright. Applicants may, subject to 8.60, re-use this document (excluding logos) free of charge in any format or medium, under the terms of the Open Government Licence v3.0. To view this licence, visit: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/3> or write to the Information policy team, The National Archives, Kew, London, TW9 4DU, complete the online enquiry form: <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/contact/contactform.asp?id=8>
- 8.60 If an Applicant uses this IFA under the Open Government Licence v3.0, it should include the following attribution: "Procurement of Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme Services in England and Wales from 17 December 2018, Exclusive Schedule under 2013 Standard Civil Contract (as amended) for contingency Period Invitation To Tender Information for Applicants, Legal Aid Agency, Licensed under the Open Government Licence v3.0."

ANNEX A: Scheme Guide

Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme: Barnet

This guide is designed to provide information on the Barnet Scheme for HPCDS services from December 2018. It provides information on the Scheme and courts covered.

About the court locations in this Scheme

The court location to be served in this Scheme is Barnet Civil and Family Courts Centre.

Alternative Hearing Venues

It is possible that some listings may be allocated by courts in the Scheme to Alternative Hearing Venues (e.g. another non-court venue). The use of Alternative Hearing Venues may begin or change throughout the life of the Contract. It is expected that Alternative Hearing Venues will be located either within or close to the Scheme. At present, there are no known Alternative Hearing Venues in this Scheme.

Court locations covered by the Barnet Scheme	Address	Contact details and Opening times	Parking Information
Barnet Civil and Family Courts Centre County Court location/ tribunal no.136	St Marys Court Regents Park Road Finchley Central London N3 1BQ	Enquiries: 020 8343 4272 Family queries: 020 8371 7111 Fax: 0870 324 0201 Court building open: Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. Court counter open: 10am to 2pm	Free on-site parking is available at this venue.

Corresponding and Neighbouring Housing and Debt Procurement Areas

When submitting their Tender, Applicants should confirm the Housing and Debt Procurement Area in which their Office is based by using the 'Find your local council' tool on the Gov.uk website: <https://www.gov.uk/find-local-council>

For the avoidance of doubt, for the purposes of this procurement process details of the corresponding and neighbouring Housing and Debt Procurement Areas are:

Corresponding Housing and Debt Procurement Area	Neighbouring Housing and Debt Procurement Area
Barnet	Brent, Camden, Haringey, Harrow, Enfield, South Hertfordshire

Historical volumes in the Barnet Scheme

The tables below indicate historical information for the courts in the Scheme.

Acts of Assistance						
Court	Financial Year 2015/16		Financial Year 2016/17		Financial Year 2017/18	
	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value
Barnet	373	£28,274.40	401	£30,996.00	391	£30,164.40
Total	373	£28,274.40	401	£30,996.00	391	£30,164.40

Number of Sessions			
Court	Financial Year 2015/16	Financial Year 2016/17	Financial Year 2017/18
Barnet	103	117	105
Total	103	117	105

Distribution of sessions by day of the week					
Court	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Barnet	0.6%	0.3%	0.3%	97.8%	0.9%
Total	0.6%	0.3%	0.3%	97.8%	0.9%

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Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme: Bodmin and Truro

This guide is designed to provide information on Bodmin and Truro Scheme for HPCDS services from December 2018. It provides information on the Scheme and courts covered.

About the court locations in this Scheme

The court locations to be served in this Scheme are Bodmin County Court and Family Court and Truro County Court and Family Court.

Alternative Hearing Venues

It is possible that some listings may be allocated by courts in the Scheme to Alternative Hearing Venues (e.g. another non-court venue). The use of Alternative Hearing Venues may begin or change throughout the life of the Contract. It is expected that Alternative Hearing Venues will be located either within or close to the Scheme. At present, there are no known Alternative Hearing Venues in this Scheme.

Court locations covered by the Bodmin and Truro Scheme	Address	Contact details and Opening times	Parking Information
Bodmin Magistrates & County Court and Family Court Court location/ tribunal no.136	Bodmin County Court and Family Court hearing centre The Law Courts Launceston Road Bodmin Cornwall PL31 2AL	Enquiries: 01208 261 580 Bailiffs: 01872 267450 Fax: 01208 77255 Court building open: Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm. Court counter open: 10am to 2pm	Free on-site parking is available at this venue. Off-site parking is not available within 500m of this venue.
Truro County Court and Family Court. Court location/ tribunal no. 354	Truro County Court and Family Court hearing centre Edward Street Truro Cornwall TR1 2PB	Enquiries: 01872 267 460 Bailiffs: 01872 267450 Court building open: Monday to Friday 8:30am to 5pm. Court counter open: 10am to 2pm	On-site parking is not available at this venue. Paid off-site parking is available within 500m of this venue

Corresponding and Neighbouring Housing and Debt Procurement Areas

When submitting their Tender, Applicants should confirm the Housing and Debt Procurement Area in which their Office is based by using the 'Find your local council' tool on the Gov.uk website: <https://www.gov.uk/find-local-council>

For the avoidance of doubt, for the purposes of this procurement process details of the corresponding and neighbouring Housing and Debt Procurement Areas are:

Corresponding Housing and Debt Procurement Area	Neighbouring Housing and Debt Procurement Area
Cornwall	Devon

Historical volumes in the Bodmin and Truro Scheme

The tables below indicate historical information for the courts in the Scheme.

Acts of Assistance						
Court	Financial Year 2015/16		Financial Year 2016/17		Financial Year 2017/18	
	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value
Bodmin	42	£3,219.75	67	£4,793.85	49	£3,577.50
Truro	57	£4,293.00	62	£4,650.75	64	£4,722.30
Total	99	£7,512.75	129	£9,444.60	113	£8,299.80

Number of Sessions			
Court	Financial Year 2015/16	Financial Year 2016/17	Financial Year 2017/18
Bodmin	20	23	23
Truro	25	23	24
Total	45	46	47

Distribution of sessions by day of the week					
Court	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bodmin	94.4%	0.0%	5.6%	0.0%	0.0%
Truro	0.5%	0.0%	99.5%	0.0%	0.0%
Total	43.6%	0.0%	56.4%	0.0%	0.0%

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Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme: Grimsby

Introduction

This guide is designed to provide information on the Grimsby Scheme for HPCDS Contract Work from December 2018. It provides information on the Scheme and courts covered.

About the court locations in this Scheme Area

The court location to be served in this Scheme is Great Grimsby Combined Court Centre.

Alternative Hearing Venues

It is possible that some listings may be allocated by courts in the Scheme to Alternative Hearing Venues (e.g. another non-court venue). The use of Alternative Hearing Venues may begin or change throughout the life of the Contract. It is expected that Alternative Hearing Venues will be located either within or close to the Scheme. At present, there are no known Alternative Hearing Venues in this Scheme.

Court locations covered by the Grimsby Scheme	Address	Contact details and Opening times	Parking Information
Great Grimsby Combined Court Centre County Court location code: 208	Great Grimsby Combined Court Town Hall Square Grimsby DN31 1HX	Enquiries: enquiries.grimsby.countycourt@justice.gov.uk 01472 265 200 County Court enquiries counter: By prearranged appointment only between 10:00 and 14:00	

Corresponding and Neighbouring Housing and Debt Procurement Areas

When submitting their Tender, Applicants should confirm the Housing and Debt Procurement Area in which their Office is based by using the 'Find your local council' tool on the Gov.uk website: <https://www.gov.uk/find-local-council>

For the avoidance of doubt, for the purposes of this procurement process details of the corresponding and neighbouring Housing and Debt Procurement Areas are:

Corresponding Housing and Debt Procurement Area	Neighbouring Housing and Debt Procurement Area
North East Lincolnshire and North Lincolnshire	Doncaster, East Riding of Yorkshire, Lincolnshire

Historical volumes in the Grimsby Scheme

The tables below indicate historical information for the courts in the Scheme.

Please note: There is no data for 2017/18 for Scunthorpe court. Scunthorpe court has closed and all work transferred to Grimsby County Court.

Acts of Assistance						
Court	Financial Year 2015/16		Financial Year 2016/17		Financial Year 2017/18	
	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value
Scunthorpe County Court	207	£15,025.50	156	£11,233.35		
Grimsby County Court	96	£6,868.80	124	£9,015.30	252	£18,030.60
Total						

Number of Sessions			
Court	Financial Year 2015/16	Financial Year 2016/17	Financial Year 2017/18
Scunthorpe County Court	26	38	57
Grimsby County Court	46	40	
Total	72	78	57

Distribution of sessions by day of the week					
Court	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Scunthorpe County Court	94.8%	0.0%	0.0%	5.2%	0.0%
Grimsby County Court	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	98.7%
Total	42.1%	0.0%	0.0%	2.3%	55.6%

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Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme: Winchester

Introduction

This guide is designed to provide information on the Winchester Scheme for HPCDS Contract Work from December 2018. It provides information on the Scheme and courts covered.

About the court locations in this Scheme Area

The court location to be served in this Scheme is Winchester Combined Court Centre.

Alternative Hearing Venues

It is possible that some listings may be allocated by courts in the Scheme to Alternative Hearing Venues (e.g. another non-court venue). The use of Alternative Hearing Venues may begin or change throughout the life of the Contract. It is expected that Alternative Hearing Venues will be located either within or close to the Scheme. At present, there are no known Alternative Hearing Venues in this Scheme.

Court locations covered by the Winchester Scheme	Address	Contact details and Opening times	Parking Information
Winchester Combined Court Centre Court location/tribunal no. 376	Winchester Combined Court The Law Courts Winchester Hampshire SO23 9EL	Enquiries: 01962 814 100 Court building open: Monday to Friday 8:30am to 5pm Court counter closed: 2:00pm	Parking is not available at the Court. However, the nearest car park is Tower Street/Sussex Street which is less than a five-minute walk, and there is a park and ride off Junction 11 as well as 2 further park and rides off junction 10 of the M3. Limited blue badge parking is available on site (please contact the venue for details).

Corresponding and Neighbouring Housing and Debt Procurement Areas

When submitting their Tender, Applicants should confirm the Housing and Debt Procurement Area in which their Office is based by using the 'Find your local council' tool on the Gov.uk website: <https://www.gov.uk/find-local-council>

For the avoidance of doubt, for the purposes of this procurement process details of the corresponding and neighbouring Housing and Debt Procurement Areas are:

Corresponding Housing and Debt Procurement Area	Neighbouring Housing and Debt Procurement Area
Hampshire	West Sussex; Dorset; Surrey; Berkshire; Wiltshire

Historical volumes in the Winchester Scheme

The tables below indicate historical information for the court in the Scheme:

Acts of Assistance						
Court	Financial Year 2015/16		Financial Year 2016/17		Financial Year 2017/18	
	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value
Winchester	36	£2,575.80	41	£2,933.55	20	£1,431.00
Total	36	£2,575.80	41	£2,933.55	20	£1,431.00

Number of Sessions			
Court	Financial Year 2015/16	Financial Year 2016/17	Financial Year 2017/18
Winchester	20	21	14
Total	20	21	14

Distribution of sessions by day of the week					
Court	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Winchester	0.0%	99.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total	0.0%	99.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%

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ANNEX B: 2013 Standard Civil Contract, as amended

 Legal Aid Agency	
	Central Commissioning 13th Floor (13.55) 102 Petty France, London SW1H 9AJ DX 328 London www.gov.uk/government/organisations/legal-aid-agency
For attention of Contract Liaison Manager	
Sent via email to:	

[date to be inserted]
2018

Our reference: HPCDS/

Dear Sir/Madam,

HPCDS CONTRACT OFFER FOR ACCEPTANCE: Offer of 2013 Standard Civil Contract (as amended) to provide Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme (HPCDS) HPCDS Services from 17 December 2018 for contingency period

We are writing further to our letter dated ***[date of award letter to be inserted when Contract issued for signature]***. In that letter we notified you of our intention to award you a 2013 Standard Civil Contract (as amended) to provide HPCDS Services from 17 December 2018. The award is further to the successful tender you submitted under the Legal Aid Agency procurement process which opened on 30 October 2018.

As you have now provided evidence to enable us to verify that you have met the minimum requirements under the procurement process, we are now in a position to offer you your Contract for acceptance.

Accordingly, this letter (referred to as the "Offer Letter") forms the Contract for Signature of your Contract. It contains the terms and conditions of your Contract. It also includes copies of the other Contract Documents which together comprise the Contract. Those Contract Documents are either annexed to this Offer Letter or available through an electronic link provided within it.

To execute your Contract, you must complete, sign and date the acceptance form below and email a copy to us at civil.contracts@legalaid.gsi.gov.uk by no later than 23:59:59 on [X] December 2018. Your Contract is made on the date your last required authorised signatory signs and dates it.

When you have executed your Contract, you will be required to deliver the HPCDS Service from 17 December, as authorised under your HPCDS Schedule, including any Rota Arrangements, where applicable.

Interpretation

References in this Offer Letter to:

- **Contract** means the 2013 Standard Civil Contract as amended by the terms of the Offer and which incorporates, within the Contract Documents, the HPCDS Schedule;
- **Contract Documents** means the documents which together comprise the Contract being the:
 - (a) Contract for Signature (including the Annex to the Contract for Signature);
 - (b) Standard Terms;
 - (c) HPCDS Schedule (HPCDS Contract Annex B);
 - (d) Category Specific Rules (HPCDS Annex A); and
 - (e) General Rules to the Specification.
- **Contract for Signature** means this Offer Letter and both of those terms have the same meaning;
- **Contract Period** means, as the context requires, either: (i) the Interim Contingency Extension Period alone; or (ii) where we have given you notice under the provisions of your Contract for Signature that your Contract has been extended into the Run-off Contingency Extension Period, the sum of the

Interim Contingency Extension Period and the Run-off Contingency Extension Period;

- **HPCDS Schedule** means the schedule setting out the Exclusive Schedule Arrangements for the HPCDS services you are authorised to and required to provide under Contract as incorporated as HPCDS Annex B to this Contract (and as may be subsequently varied under the provisions of the Contract);
- **HPCDS Services** shall have the same meaning as the Service as defined in Paragraph 10.16 of the Category Specific Rules at HPCDS Contract Annex A;
- **Interim Contingency Period** means the period from 17 December 2018 to 23:59:59 hours on 30 September 2019;
- **Offer** means the offer to you on the terms and conditions as set out and/or referred to in this Offer Letter;
- **Rota Arrangement** means, where you are not the sole provider of HPCDS Services in a particular Scheme, a written arrangement setting out the frequency at which you are required to attend Court to provide the HPCDS Service, as referred to within and annexed to your HPCDS Schedule;
- **Run-off Contingency Extension Period** means any period from 1 October 2019 and ending on a date no later than 30 September 2020;
- **Scheme** means a Housing Court Possession Duty Scheme you are authorised and required to provide HPCDS Services in as set out in your HPCDS Schedule; and
- **Standard Terms** means the 2018 Standard Civil Contract Standard Terms.

For clarity of interpretation, and unless otherwise stated, any terms which are capitalised but not defined within this Offer Letter shall have the meaning given to them in the 2013 Standard Civil Contract (as amended by the terms of the Offer, where applicable).

Unless otherwise stated, references to “Clause” and “Annex” are to clauses of and annexes to this Offer Letter.

This Offer Letter is one of the Contract Documents which together form the Contract. Accordingly, the provisions of this Offer Letter shall be incorporated within the terms of your Contract and shall amend the terms of the 2013 Standard Civil Contract according to the order of priority set out below.

In the event of any conflict between any of the provisions of this Offer Letter and any of the provisions of the Contract Documents, the conflict will be resolved by this Offer Letter taking priority over the remaining Contract Documents. In the event of any

conflict between any of the provisions of the Contract Documents, the conflict will be resolved under the following order of priority:

- (a) the HPCDS Schedule (HPCDS Contract Annex B);
- (b) the Category Specific Rules (HPCDS Contract Annex A);
- (c) the Standard Terms; and
- (d) the General Rules to the Specification.

Offer and agreement

We wish to appoint you to provide the Service as specified in your HPCDS Schedule for the Contract Period and you are willing to provide the same and to accept such appointment on the terms and conditions of the Contract. Accordingly, this Offer and the Contract which results from your acceptance of it, is made in consideration of and conditional upon your acceptance of and compliance with the following terms:

1. Contract Condition

- 1.1 The Contract is offered and, on the date executed by you, comes into force on the condition that you enter into and continue to hold at all times a 2018 Standard Civil Contract in the Housing and Debt Categories of Work.
- 1.2 If you do not comply with the condition set out at Clause 1.1, this Contract will terminate automatically and you will not be authorised to carry out any Contract Work or new Contract Work, as applicable, under it.

2. Contract Period

- 2.1 The Contract Start Date shall be 17 December being the date from which you must provide the HPCDS Services in accordance with the terms and conditions of your Contract including but not limited to the HPCDS Schedule and any Rota Arrangements set out or referred to in Table 5 (Special Provisions and Restrictions) of your HPCDS Schedule.
- 2.2 The Contract will expire automatically on expiry of the Interim Contingency Period, save where we have given you not less than one month's notice that we wish to extend it into the Run-off Contingency Extension Period.
- 2.3 Where we extend the term of the Contract into the Run-off Contingency Extension Period we may exercise our right under Clause 2.2 on any number of occasions and for any period within the Run-off Contingency Extension Period provided that:
 - 2.3.1 on the occasion of each such extension, we give you not less than one month's notice;
 - 2.3.2 the period of each such extension is not less than three months; and
 - 2.3.3 the expiry date of each such extension shall be no later than 30 September 2020.

3. Amendments to 2013 Standard Civil Contract

- 3.1 The 2018 Standard Civil Contract Standard Terms shall apply to the Contract in place of the 2013 Standard Civil Contract Standard Terms:
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/727289/2018_Standard_Civil_Contract_Standard_Terms_July_2018_.pdf
- 3.2 The General Rules to the 2018 Standard Civil Contract Specification shall apply to the Contract in place of the General Rules to the 2013 Standard Civil Contract Specification:
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/727153/2018_Standard_Civil_Contract_Specification_on_General_Provisions_July_2018.pdf
- 3.3 To allow for the fact that the Contract only covers Contract Work within the scope of your HPCDS Schedule, the Category Specific Rules at HPCDS Contract Annex A shall apply to your Contract in place of the Category Specific Rules which apply to the 2013 Standard Civil Contract.

4. Predecessor Bodies

For the purposes of Clause 1.27 of the Standard Terms the following include those organisations which are Predecessor Bodies:

[List or state "None"]

5. Annex

The Annex to this Contract for Signature sets out information and terms specific to you as at the Contract Start Date. This information may be updated from time to time in accordance with the Contract. In such case we may issue you with an updated annex which shall form part of this Contract for Signature from the date specified in that annex.

6. General

- 6.1 The HPCDS Services you are authorised and required to provide under your Contract are designated as Exclusive Schedule Arrangements for the purposes of Paragraph 1.29 of the General Rules.
- 6.2 Where you are not the sole provider in a particular Scheme, the Rota Arrangements which apply to your Contract are set out in your HPCDS Schedule.
- 6.3 For the avoidance of doubt, where no Rota Arrangements are set out in your Schedule in respect of a particular Scheme, you must provide the entire Service in that Scheme.

7. Acceptance of Offer/Execution of Contract

Where you wish to accept the Offer, you must complete the Offer acceptance form below and return it to the LAA by email at civil.contracts@legalaid.gsi.gov.uk by **23:59:59 on [X] December 2018**.

If you have any queries in relation to the content of this Offer Letter, please contact your Contract Manager.

Yours faithfully,

Shaun McNally

Chief Executive (and authorised signatory for and on behalf of the Lord Chancellor)

Enclosed:

Annex to the Contract for Signature

HPCDS Contract Annex A: Category Specific Rules

HPCDS Contract Annex B: HPCDS Schedule

OFFER ACCEPTANCE FORM

TO BE COMPLETED AND EMAILED TO civil.contracts@legalaid.gsi.gov.uk BY 23:59:59 ON [X] December 2018

Provider principal (“lead”) Office Legal Aid Agency Account Number:

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/we [provider to insert name(s) of provider signatory(ies)]

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being duly authorised to act for and on behalf of *[full name of provider to be inserted]*

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ACCEPT the terms of the Offer of a **2013 Standard Civil Contract (as amended) to provide the HPCDS Services under a HPDS Schedule** as set out in the Legal Aid Agency's Offer Letter dated **[X]** December 2018.

Signed by Date.....

Signed byDate.....

For the avoidance of doubt, although only my principal or "lead" Office Legal Aid Agency account number is cited, where my organisation has more than one Office, I understand that my acceptance of the Offer applies to **all** Offices from which I am authorised by the Legal Aid Agency to carry out Contract Work under my HPCDS Schedule (and that, therefore, I do not need to complete a separate Offer acceptance form for each such Office).

By signing above, you acknowledge and agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the Contract.

This Contract may only be signed by a person who has the capacity to act on behalf of the above-named provider and who has been duly authorised to accept and bind that provider to its terms.

If you are a partnership, an appropriate partner must sign. If you are a sole practitioner solicitor, the sole practitioner (principal) must sign. If you are a company, an appropriate director must sign. If you are a limited liability partnership, an appropriate designated member must sign. If you are an unincorporated charity, two appropriate trustees must sign.

Annex to the Contract for Signature

Issue Number	Date of Issue
[insert number]	[insert date]

A. Schedules

Your Schedule(s) are as follows:

Office Address	Schedule Reference
1. [Insert address]	[insert number]
2. (etc)	

B Contact Details

For the purpose of Clause 2.5 of the Standard Terms, as at the Contract Start Date your Contract Liaison Manager is as set out in the table below:

Contract Liaison Manager:	[insert full name and contact details]
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For the purpose of Clause 20.4(a) of the Standard Terms, your designated fax number, e-mail address, DX number and postal address as at the Contract Start Date are as set out in the table below:

Fax number:	[insert fax number]
E-mail address:	[insert email address]
DX number:	[insert DX number]
Postal address:	[insert postal address]
Telephone number:	[insert telephone number]

For the purpose of Clause 20.4(b) of the Standard Terms, our designated fax number, e-mail address, DX number and postal address are as at the Contract Start Date as set out in the table below:

Fax number:	01264 341908
E-mail address:	civil.contracts@legalaid.gsi.gov.uk
DX number:	DX 328 London
Postal address:	The Legal Aid Agency 102 Petty France, London, SW1H 9AJ

C Quality Standard

For the purposes of the Contract, you must hold valid Lexcel or Specialist Quality Mark (SQM) accreditation.

HPCDS Contract Annex A

2013 Standard Civil Contract

Specification

Category Specific Rules

PARAGRAPHS 10.1-10.15 OF THE 2013 STANDARD CIVIL CONTRACT SPECIFICATION CONTAIN THE CATEGORY SPECIFIC RULES FOR (NON-HPCDS) MAINSTREAM HOUSING AND DEBT CATEGORY CONTRACT WORK. AS THESE DO NOT APPLY TO THE CONTRACT (BECAUSE MAINSTREAM HOUSING AND DEBT CATEGORY CONTRACT WORK IS OUTSIDE OF ITS SCOPE) THEY HAVE BEEN DELETED IN THEIR ENTIRETY.

ACCORDINGLY, THE CATEGORY SPECIFIC RULES FOR HPCDS ARE SET OUT WITHIN PARAGRAPHS 10.16 TO 10.54 BELOW.

THE PARAGRAPH NUMBERING USED IN THE 2013 STANDARD CIVIL CONTRACT SPECIFICATION HAS BEEN RETAINED TO PRESERVE EXISTING CROSS-REFERENCING AND FOR EASE OF REFERENCE.

Category Specific Rules

Section 10 Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme

10.1-10.15 [NOT USED]

10.16 You may participate in the Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme only if you are authorised to do so under Exclusive Schedule Arrangements. Unless otherwise stated, in Paragraphs 10.16 to 10.55:

- (a) references to a Schedule refer to your Exclusive Schedule Arrangements for the Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme;
- (b) "the Scheme" means the Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme operating under this Contract; and
- (c) "the Service" means services you provide as part of the Scheme, as more specifically described at Paragraphs 10.18 and 10.38 to 10.39.

The Schedule

10.17 All work carried out under the Scheme is subject to any conditions or restrictions set out in that Schedule. You may only provide services under the Scheme during the period specified in your Schedule. When a Schedule

expires but this Contract remains in force, we will issue you with a new Schedule unless you have given us at least one month's notice that you do not wish us to do so.

The Service

- 10.18 The Service involves the provision at a court of Legal Help and Help at Court to Clients and for cases described at Paragraphs 10.36 to 10.39 below. Subject to the terms of your Schedule, work covered by the Scheme may only be claimed for under this Contract.

Payment

- 10.19 The Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme is Controlled Work. The payment provisions for all work under the Scheme are specified in the Remuneration Regulations.
- 10.20 Payment will be monthly in arrears for work done. Payments will be made separately from your Standard Monthly Payments for other Controlled Work. Periodically we will reconcile your Claims and payments. If, in any Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme session, you have performed no work for Clients we will pay you on the basis that you have seen one Client during the session and you are entitled to payment on that basis.
- 10.21 For the purpose of the Scheme, "session" means either a morning or afternoon period when the court is in session. Consequently, a court can list a maximum of two sessions per day. However, there must be a clear break between sessions listed on the same day for two payments to be claimed. Where the court lists a full day session, you will only be entitled to Claim one payment for this full day session.
- 10.22 The rate referred to in the Remuneration Regulations is payable per Client and covers all work for a Client under the Scheme so that no additional payments will be made. There are no additional payments for travel or waiting.
- 10.23 You must comply with the requirements to provide information about the Scheme by the specified times and your entitlement to receive payment is conditional on your doing so.

Matter Start rules

- 10.24 If you provide the Service at court and, within six months of doing so, subsequently open a new Housing or Debt Matter Start under your 2018 Standard Civil Contract in relation to the same case then you cannot claim any payment for providing the Service at court. The costs of providing the Service will be included in the Housing or Debt Matter Start Fixed Fee provided for in the Remuneration Regulations and paid in accordance with your 2018 Standard Civil Contract.
- 10.25 The rule at Paragraph 10.24 does not apply if you subsequently open a non-Housing/non-Debt Matter Start under your 2018 Standard Civil

Contract (where you have authorisations in Categories other than Housing and Debt under that contract) after providing the Service at court. The Matter Start rules set out in Section 3 of the General Rules of the Specification to your 2018 Standard Civil Contract will apply in these circumstances.

Reporting

- 10.26 You must report data about the Service to us in such form as we may specify. Monthly monitoring reports showing details of Clients assisted must be completed fully and returned to us by you within 10 days after the end of each month. Payments are triggered by our receipt of fully completed monthly monitoring reports on or before their respective due date. If you fail to provide any report to us by its due date, your payment will be delayed until after we have received it.

Volumes of work

- 10.27 We will allocate a volume of acts of assistance to each Scheme for the year (or such other period as is specified in your Schedule). Schemes will be able to provide 10% more acts of assistance than their allocated volume without prior authorisation from us. If Schemes wish to provide acts of assistance above this level then our prior written approval is required. Provision of the Service does not allow or require you to use up Housing Matter Starts issued to you under your 2018 Standard Civil Contract for services not covered by the Scheme.

Management

- 10.28 You must have a Housing and Debt Supervisor at all times you are delivering the Service.
- 10.29 You must nominate a member of your personnel who is responsible for the overall supervision and management of the Service and provide us with their name. This person must meet the Housing and Debt Supervisor standard.
- 10.30 The nominated member of your personnel must liaise with the court to ensure that the Scheme is in place each time the court lists possession proceedings.
- 10.31 You must demonstrate that the Scheme has effective induction, training, appraisal and supervision procedures for all caseworkers.
- 10.32 You must ensure that you have appropriate adviser(s) present on each day at the court when the Service is required.
- 10.33 For the purposes of Paragraph 10.32 "appropriate adviser" means a caseworker who conducts a minimum of 12 hours casework per week.
- 10.34 You must include your Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme files in any file review process you conduct.

Delegation of the Service

- 10.35 Without prejudice to your management obligations at Paragraphs 10.28 to 10.34, you may delegate provision of the Service to other Providers who will act as your Agents for the purposes of the Scheme. Any such delegation must be authorised under your Schedule. Unless otherwise provided in your Schedule, we will make payments to you for all work covered by the Schedule and you will be responsible for any payments agreed between you and the Agents.

Who can use the Scheme?

- 10.36 The Scheme is available to any person (regardless of means) whose home is at immediate risk because of possession proceedings. You must provide the Service to any such person (the Client) who requires it during one of the specified court sessions. The Client does not pay anything for the Service. If a Client has received the Service and wishes to use it again you may provide it to them if they are in genuine need of it and it is appropriate to do so.
- 10.37 You must provide the Service to all Clients who request to see an adviser under the Scheme.

Scope of the Scheme

- 10.38 The Scheme covers the following types of proceedings at the court set out in your Schedule.
- (a) private rented possession proceedings;
 - (b) public/registered social landlord rented possession proceedings;
 - (c) mortgage possession proceedings;
 - (d) applications to stay/suspend execution of warrants of possession; and
 - (e) Clients with charging orders relating to property whereby the Client is at immediate risk of losing their home through a forced sale.
- 10.39 For Clients within the scope of the Scheme (see Paragraphs 10.36 to 10.37) you must provide the following services:
- (a) face-to-face advice to the Client on the day, prior to the hearing;
 - (b) advocacy for the relevant proceedings on the day of the hearing;
 - (c) face-to-face advice to the Client on the day, post the hearing, explaining the outcome and the options available to the Client;
 - (d) on the day of the hearing, assisting Clients to liaise with third parties;

- (e) referrals to other Providers to take on follow up work where you are unable to take on this work under your Contract or to other organisations where the Client may not be eligible for Legal Aid;
- (f) send a letter to each Client setting out your advice.

Clients requesting advice outside the terms of the Scheme

- 10.40 Where a Client seeks your advice outside of the terms of the Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme, then, subject to any means or merits tests you should (if you are permitted by your 2018 Standard Civil Contract) consider whether it is appropriate in the circumstances to commence Legal Help, Help at Court or Licensed Work. You will be entitled to payment for assisting that Client in accordance with your 2018 Standard Civil Contract but you will not be entitled to claim any fee under this Contract. Gateway Work, as defined in the Procedure Regulations, must be referred to the Gateway.
- 10.41 Further to Paragraph 10.40, when considering whether it is appropriate in the circumstances, you should take account of the Client's location and whether it is feasible to deliver face-to-face advice from your Office or whether it is more appropriate to refer the Client to a Provider located nearer the Client. Matters which are Gateway Work must be referred to the Gateway and you may not commence Legal Help.
- 10.42 If the Client needs further services but you are not able to provide them yourself under your 2018 Standard Civil Contract, you must (if it is practicable to do so) refer the Client to an organisation that will be able to provide them. If the Client is likely to be financially eligible this should be an organisation holding a 2018 Standard Civil Contract.

Emergency Representation

- 10.43 Exceptionally it may be appropriate for you to grant Emergency Representation to a Client who has contacted you under the Scheme. The fact that advocacy under the Scheme is available is not automatically a ground for refusing Emergency Representation where it would otherwise be justified but is a relevant consideration for the purposes of the Merits Regulations.
- 10.44 Any grant of Emergency Representation by you must be made in accordance with the Procedure Regulations and does not fall within the scope of this Contract.

Reporting and Auditing

- 10.45 You must make a record of the Service that you give to each Client (or why you refused to provide the Service).
- 10.46 In addition to the requirements to keep records under the Standard Terms, you must keep a central record (in such form as we may specify) of Clients seen under the Scheme.

- 10.47 Although the Service is available to any person (regardless of means) whose home is at immediate risk because of possession proceedings, we need to know how many Clients would be financially eligible for the Scheme if there were a means test. Therefore, you must ensure that, for each Client, our means assessment questionnaire is completed.
- 10.48 You must report to us such data (in such form as we may reasonably specify) about the Scheme at such intervals (not more often than monthly) as we may require.

Flexibility

- 10.49 Your obligation is to provide the Scheme at the court listed in your Schedule. You must provide the Service at all sessions the court runs and therefore you must have the flexibility to cater for the fluctuations in demand for the Service.
- 10.50 If you are unable to provide the Service at a court session you must inform your Contract Manager immediately.

Providing services at a court where the Scheme is not in place

- 10.51 You are permitted to provide the services detailed in Paragraph 10.39 in the proceedings set out in Paragraph 10.38, but only when:
- (a) we have provided a written authorisation (in your main Schedule or otherwise) under this Paragraph to do so; and
 - (b) there is no current Scheme operating at that court.
- 10.52 Client eligibility for the Scheme under Paragraph 10.51 is equivalent to that defined in Paragraph 10.36 and unless otherwise stated the rules of the Scheme as set out at Paragraphs 10.18 to 10.50 are applicable. For the avoidance of doubt Clients who do not meet our usual eligibility criteria may only have services provided as detailed at Paragraph 10.38.
- 10.53 Where you provide services under Paragraph 10.51 you may claim only the fixed fee specified for the Scheme under the Remuneration Regulations. You may not claim any Legal Help Housing or Debt Standard Fee under your 2018 Standard Civil Contract (but Paragraph 10.24 will still apply). No payment will be made for sessions where you see no Clients and no management fee will be paid.
- 10.54 Work carried out under Paragraphs 10.51 to 10.53 above is to be treated as having been provided under the Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme.

HPCDS Contract Annex B: HPCDS Schedule

2013 Standard Civil Contract

Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme (HPCDS) - Exclusive Office Schedule

Contract Number

Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme:

Office Schedule Number¹:

Schedule Amendment Notice Number:

Name of Provider	
Address of Principal Office	
Address of the Office to which this Schedule Applies	

TABLE 1 – START AND END DATES			
Schedule Start Date		Schedule End Date	

TABLE 2 – COURT(s) and ALLOCATED VOLUME OF ACTS OF ASSISTANCE			
Name of Court(s) to which this Schedule applies:	Allocated Volume of Acts of Assistance	10% buffer	Total acts of assistance

TABLE 3 – SCHEDULE PAYMENT LIMIT

¹ This office schedule is the account through which you must claim for services delivered through this HPCDS schedule.

Your Schedule Payment Limit is ²	£0 (inclusive of VAT where applicable)
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TABLE 4 – DELEGATION OF THE SERVICE

You are authorised to delegate provision of the service to Agents for the purposes of delivering the scheme in the court(s) listed in Table 2 under a Rota Arrangement. You must ensure that Advisors who act as your agents are appropriate advisors as defined in paragraph 10.33 of the Category Specific Rules to the Specification i.e. they undertake a minimum 12 hours a week of specialist housing advice.

In using Agents you must follow the rules set out in paragraphs 2.5 and 2.6 of the General Rules to the Specification. As the delegation, will, of necessity be of the entire Matter because the Scheme covers one off advice at Court the conditions in paragraphs 2.6 a) to f) of the General Rules to the Specification must be satisfied. However, for work delivered under this schedule only, we will dis-apply clause 2.6 b of those provisions) (“the Agent works solely or mainly for you.”).

TABLE 5 – SPECIAL PROVISIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

This Schedule (and the Contract itself which it forms part of) is dependent on your organisation continuing to hold a 2018 Standard Civil Contract with authorisation to undertake mainstream Housing and Debt Services.

It is a condition of your Contract that you must deliver at all sessions listed for the Scheme(s) included in this Schedule on and after X December 2018 which you are ascribed to you under Rota Arrangements notified to you by us from time to time.

This means that for all sessions ascribed to you under those Rota Arrangements, you must cover all sessions that the court lists and provide Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme Services to any Client at court with a Housing problem that requests to see an adviser.

Your organisation must deliver the Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme service in accordance with the award made under your Contract and as committed to in any selection criteria responses given by your organisation in your tender.

Signed for and on behalf of the Lord Chancellor (electronically or by hand) by:

² The SPL is based on the total allocated acts of assistance. Your monthly payment will depend on the work you have undertaken in the previous month.

Name of signatory: ... Shaun McNally..... **[Print Name]**

Status of signatory: ... Chief Executive..... **[Print Status]**

This schedule is valid only if it is signed by a person authorised by the Lord Chancellor.

ANNEX C: HPCDS ITT

HPCDS ITT for Barnet Scheme

Section A: Office Location

The LAA will give preference to those organisations who hold a 2018 Standard Civil Contract with Schedule authorisation to conduct Housing and Debt Contract Work in the corresponding or neighbouring Housing and Debt Procurement Areas.

	Question	Options
A.1	<p>Do you hold a 2018 Standard Civil Contract with Schedule Authorisation to conduct Housing and Debt Contract Work from an Office in the Barnet Housing and Debt Procurement Area or a neighbouring Housing and Debt Procurement Area?</p> <p>Please review the Scheme guide published at Annex A of the IFA for further information.</p>	<p>Yes – meet this in full (Answer A.2)</p> <p>No – do not meet this in full (Answer A.3 as applicable)</p>
A.2	<p>Please provide the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Address• Postcode• LAA Account Number <p>for this Office</p>	<p>Text</p>
A.3	<p>The HPCDS Contract requires you to hold a 2018 Standard Civil Contract with authorisation to deliver Housing and Debt. If you have not already provided the details of the Office which hold authorisation to deliver Housing and Debt and from which you intend to deliver this service, please provide the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Address• Postcode• LAA account number	<p>Text</p>

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Section B: HPCDS Experience

The LAA will give preference to Applicants who have experience of delivering HPCDS services within the last 3 years.

Where no Applicant has experience of delivering HPCDS services within the last 3 years, preference will be given to Applicants who have experience of delivering HPCDS services within the last 5 years

For the avoidance of doubt, when assessing an Applicant’s relevant and recent experience of delivering HPCDS in the past, the LAA will only take into account the Applicant’s own experience. That means the experience which has been accrued by the Applicant through its own delivery of HPCDS. It does not include any experience of Key Personnel, employees or other individuals which has been gained whilst delivering HPCDS for any other organisation

	Question	Options
B.1	Have you had experience of delivering any HPCDS Scheme within the last 3 years (27 November 2015 - 26 November 2018)?	<p>Yes – meet this requirement (Answer B.2)</p> <p>No – do not meet this requirement (Answer B.3 – B.6 as applicable)</p>
B.2	Please provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the name HPCDS Scheme(s); and • dates during which you delivered these services 	Text

B.3	Have you had experience of delivering any HPCDS Scheme within the last 5 years (27 November 2013 - 26 November 2018)?	Yes – meet this requirement (Answer B.4) No – do not meet this requirement (Answer B.5 – B.6 as applicable)
B.4	Please provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the name HPCDS Scheme(s); and dates during which you delivered these services 	Text
B.5	Have you had experience of delivering any HPCDS Scheme?	Yes – meet this requirement (Answer B.6) No – will not meet this requirement
B.6	Please provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the name HPCDS Scheme(s); and dates during which you delivered these services 	Text

Section C: Ability to commence work from 17 December 2018

The LAA will give preference to those organisations who are able to commence the delivery of HPCDS services in the Barnet Scheme from 17 December 2018.

Where no Applicant is able to commence the delivery of HPCDS services in the Barnet Scheme from 17 December 2018, preference will be given to Applicants who are able to commence delivering these services as soon after 17 December 2018 as possible

Question	Options
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C.1	Are you able to commence the delivery of HPCDS services in the Barnet Scheme from 17 December 2018?	Yes – will meet this requirement No – will not meet this requirement (Answer C.2 and C.3)
C.2	Where you are unable to commence the delivery of HPCDS services in the Barnet Scheme from 17 December 2018 please confirm the date on which you are able to commence the delivery of HPCDS services in this Scheme	Text
C.3	<p>Please set out the reasons why you are not able to commence the delivery of HPCDS services in the Barnet Scheme from 17 December 2018.</p> <p>Please provide the key activities required to be able to commence the delivery of HPCDS services and dates by which you expect to have completed these activities. For the avoidance of doubt these include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the recruitment of any Caseworkers - the recruitment of any additional Supervisors required 	Text

Section D: Agents

Applicants are asked to confirm whether they will use Agents in delivering the HPCDS. No preference is given to Applicants based on their answer to this question. Applicants should refer to paragraphs 1.22 – 1.24 of the IFA for further information on using Agents in the delivery of HPCDS services.

	Question	Options
D.1	Will Agents be used in the delivery of this Scheme?	Yes – will use Agents No - will not use Agents

Section E: Tie Break

Where more than 4 Applicants are tied following Stages 1-3 of the tender assessment process outlined above, meaning the LAA is unable to select the four Applicants to be awarded a Contract in the Barnet Scheme, the LAA will give preference to those Applicants who have provided details of an Office in the Housing and Debt Procurement Area of Barnet.

If, after this, 4 Applicants remain tied the LAA will consider the tied Applicants’ responses to the three Tie Break questions set out below and award the Contract to the 4 Applicants that achieve the higher scores for the Tie Break.

Higher marks will be awarded to Applicants that currently employ at least one Supervisor with 2 years’ experience, gained with the Applicant, of delivering Housing Possession Court Duty Schemes within the last 3 years.		
	Question	Options
E.1i	<p>Please select the answer from the following three options which is applicable to you:</p> <p>A. The Applicant currently employs at least one Full-Time Equivalent Supervisor with 2 years’ experience gained with the Applicant of delivering Housing Possession Court Duty Schemes within the last 3 years (27 November 2015 - 26 November 2018).</p> <p>B. The Applicant currently employs at least one Full-Time Equivalent Supervisor with 1 years’ experience gained with the Applicant of delivering Housing Possession Court Duty Schemes within the last 3 years (27 November 2015 - 26 November 2018).</p> <p>C. The Applicant currently employs at least one Full-Time Equivalent Supervisor up to 1 years’ experience of delivering Housing Possession Court Duty Schemes within the last 3 years (27 November 2015 - 26 November 2018).</p>	<p>A (4 points) (Answer E.1ii.)</p> <p>B (3 points) (Answer E.1ii)</p> <p>C (1 point) (Answer E.1ii.)</p>
E.1ii	Please provide the name of the Supervisor with the experience outlined in E.1i	Text (Answer E.2)

As Barnet is a busy court where we anticipate high volumes of work on certain days, higher marks will be awarded to Applicants that can provide a greater number of caseworkers to attend sessions (this can include a supervisor) with 2 years' experience, gained with the Applicant, of delivering Housing Possession Court Duty Schemes within the last 3 years.		
	Question	Options
E.2i	<p>Please select the answer from the following three options which is applicable to you:</p> <p>A. The Applicant currently directly employs 4 or 5 Caseworkers gained with the Applicant with 2 years' experience, gained with the Applicant, of delivering Housing Possession Court Duty Schemes within the last 3 years (27 November 2015 - 26 November 2018).</p> <p>B. The Applicant currently directly employs 2 or 3 Caseworkers with 2 years' experience, gained with the Applicant, of delivering Housing Possession Court Duty Schemes within the last 3 years (27 November 2015 - 26 November 2018).</p> <p>C. The Applicant currently employs 1 Caseworker with up to 2 years' experience, gained with the Applicant, of delivering Housing Possession Court Duty Schemes within the last 3 years (27 November 2015 - 26 November 2018).</p>	<p>A (4 points) (Answer E.2ii.)</p> <p>B (3 points) (Answer E.2ii)</p> <p>C (1 point) (Answer E.2ii.)</p>
E.2ii	Please provide the names of the Caseworkers with the experience outlined in E.2i	Text (Answer E.3)

Question E3: Resourcing	Assessment	Points available
<p>Please use the text boxes provided to describe the contingency arrangements you will have in place for dealing with unexpected peaks in demand at court. Your response should include how you will use your staff to react to the following scenarios:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An increase in the number of Clients requiring assistance during a Session(s). Please refer to the Scheme Guide in 	<p>The answer should include: Details of the processes the Applicant will follow to adjust resources when there is an increase in demand or staff absences.</p> <p>Extra points may be awarded where an Applicant is able to demonstrate:</p>	5

<p>Annex A in respect of the anticipated annual volumes for this Scheme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short-notice absences of Caseworkers and Supervisors who are delivering Contract Work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant experience of successfully delivering services that required similar resourcing activities, using staff and/or processes that will be used in delivering the Contract Work • A flexible staffing approach including capacity to effectively meet increases in staffing requirements at short notice 	
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Section F: Warranties and Declaration

This section MUST BE COMPLETED by all Applicants wishing to bid for a HPCDS Contract

Declaration

By completing and submitting this Tender the Applicant confirms that it will meet the following Minimum Requirements specified at paragraph 2.7 of the HPCDS Invitation To Tender Information For Applicants:

- i. holds a 2018 Standard Civil Contract with Schedule Authorisation to conduct Housing and Debt Contract Work; and
- ii. the Applicant will be able and willing to advise on all HPCDS Cases (where no Rota Arrangements apply) listed by a court within that Scheme; and
- iii. the Applicant will have employed, or have a Signed Engagement Agreement to employ, from the date on which they commence the delivery of services, a Housing and Debt Supervisor who will be actively engaged in supervising its delivery of the HPCDS services; and
- iv. the Applicant will have access to an Authorised Litigator; and
- v. all Caseworkers delivering HPCDS services will:
 - i. be competent and suitably experienced; and
 - ii. routinely conduct a minimum of 12 hours casework in the Housing and Debt Category per week; and
 - iii. be authorised to advise and represent Clients in relation to housing possession proceedings.

By completing and submitting this Tender I give my undertaking that I am either:

- the Compliance Officer for Legal Practice (COLP) or the individual intending to be the COLP where the Applicant is or intends to be authorised by the Solicitor Regulation Authority (SRA); or
- the Head of Legal Practice (HOLP) or the individual intending to be the HOLP where the Applicant is or intends to be authorised by the Bar Standards Board (BSB); or
- the Compliance Manager (CM) or the individual intending to be the CM where Applicant is or intends to be authorised by the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives (CILEx); or
- where the Applicant is not (and will not be) authorised by the SRA the BSB or CILEx, a member of Key Personnel who either (i) has decision and / or veto rights over decisions relating to the running of the Applicant; or (ii) has the right to exercise, or actually exercises, significant influence or control over the Applicant;

and am authorised to make this submission on behalf of the Applicant and that the answers submitted in this Tender are correct. I understand that the information will be used in the process to assess the Applicant's suitability to be offered a HPCDS Contract. I understand that the LAA may conduct verification checks and may reject this Tender if there is a failure to answer all relevant questions fully or the information provided is inaccurate in any material way.

	Question	Response Type
F.1	Name of the individual making declaration on behalf of the Applicant	Free text
F.2	Status within the Applicant organisation	Option List: i) COLP or intended COLP ii) HOLP or intended HOLP iii) CM or intended CM iv) Key Personnel

HPCDS ITT for Bodmin and Truro Scheme

Section A: Court(s) to be delivered

Applicants interested in bidding for the Bodmin and Truro Scheme may bid to deliver services at either Bodmin, or Truro or at both courts. Preference will be given to Applicants who confirm their intention to deliver HPCDS services at both courts		
	Question	Options
A.1	Which court(s) within the Bodmin and Truro Scheme are you bidding to deliver the HPCDS service?	<p>A. Bodmin court</p> <p>B. Truro court</p> <p>C. Bodmin and Truro courts</p>

Section B: Office Location

The LAA will give preference to those organisations who hold a 2018 Standard Civil Contract with Schedule authorisation to conduct Housing and Debt Contract Work in the corresponding Housing and Debt Procurement Area.		
Where no Applicant holds a 2018 Standard Civil Contract with Schedule authorisation to conduct Housing and Debt Contract Work in the corresponding Housing and Debt Procurement Area, preference will be given to Applicants who will hold a 2018 Standard Civil Contract with Schedule authorisation to conduct Housing and Debt Contract Work in a neighbouring Housing and Debt Procurement Area.		
	Question	Options
B.1	<p>Do you hold a 2018 Standard Civil Contract with Schedule Authorisation to conduct Housing and Debt Contract Work from an Office in the Cornwall Housing and Debt Procurement Area?</p> <p>Please review the Scheme guide published at Annex A of the IFA for further information.</p>	<p>Yes – meet this in full (Answer B.2)</p> <p>No – do not meet this in full (Answer B.3 – B.6 as applicable)</p>

B.2	<p>Please provide the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address • Postcode • LAA Account Number <p>for this Office</p>	Text
B.3	<p>Do you hold a 2018 Standard Civil Contract with Schedule Authorisation to conduct Housing and Debt Contract Work from an Office in the neighbouring Housing and Debt Procurement Area of Devon?</p> <p>Please review the Scheme guide published at Annex A of the IFA for further information.</p>	<p>Yes – meet this requirement in full (Answer B.4)</p> <p>No – do not meet this requirement (Answer B.5 – B.6 as applicable)</p>
B.4	<p>Please provide the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address • Postcode • LAA account number <p>for this Office</p>	Text
B.5	<p>The HPCDS Contract requires you to hold a 2018 Standard Civil Contract with authorisation to deliver Housing and Debt. If you have not already provided the details of the Office which hold authorisation to deliver Housing and Debt and from which you intend to deliver this service, please provide the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address • Postcode • LAA account number <p>for this Office</p>	Text

Section C: HPCDS Experience

The LAA will give preference to Applicants who have experience of delivering HPCDS services within the last 3 years.

Where no Applicant has experience of delivering HPCDS services within the last 3 years, preference will be given to Applicants who have experience of delivering HPCDS services within the last 5 years

For the avoidance of doubt, when assessing an Applicant's relevant and recent experience of delivering HPCDS in the past, the LAA will only take into account the Applicant's own experience. That means the experience which has been accrued by the Applicant through its own delivery of HPCDS. It does not include any experience of Key Personnel, employees or other individuals which has been gained whilst delivering HPCDS for any other organisation

	Question	Options
C.1	Have you had experience of delivering any HPCDS Scheme within the last 3 years (27 November 2015 - 26 November 2018)?	<p>Yes – meet this requirement (Answer C.2)</p> <p>No – do not meet this requirement (Answer C.3 – C.6 as applicable)</p>
C.2	Please provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the name HPCDS Scheme(s); and • dates during which you delivered these services 	Text
C.3	Have you had experience of delivering any HPCDS Scheme within the last 5 years (27 November 2013 - 26 November 2018)?	<p>Yes – meet this requirement (Answer C.4)</p> <p>No – do not meet this requirement</p>

		(Answer C.5 – C.6 as applicable)
C.4	Please provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the name HPCDS Scheme(s); and dates during which you delivered these services 	Text
C.5	Have you had experience of delivering any HPCDS Scheme?	Yes – meet this requirement (Answer C.6) No – will not meet this requirement
C.6	Please provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the name HPCDS Scheme(s); and dates during which you delivered these services 	Text

Section D: Ability to commence work from 17 December 2018

The LAA will give preference to those organisations who are able to commence the delivery of HPCDS services in the relevant Scheme from 17 December 2018.

Where no Applicant is able to commence the delivery of HPCDS services in the relevant Scheme from 17 December 2018, preference will be given to Applicants who are able to commence delivering these services as soon after 17 December 2018 as possible

	Question	Options
D.1	Are you able to commence the delivery of HPCDS services in the Bodmin and Truro Scheme from 17 December 2018?	Yes – will meet this requirement No – will not meet this requirement (Answer D.2 and D.3)

D.2	Where you are unable to commence the delivery of HPCDS services in the Bodmin and Truro Scheme from 17 December 2018 please confirm the date on which you are able to commence the delivery of HPCDS services in this Scheme	Text
D.3	<p>Please set out the reasons why you are not able to commence the delivery of HPCDS services in the Bodmin and Truro Scheme from 17 December 2018.</p> <p>Please provide the key activities required to be able to commence the delivery of HPCDS services and dates by which you expect to have completed these activities. For the avoidance of doubt these include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the recruitment of any Caseworkers - the recruitment of any additional Supervisors required 	Text

Section E: Agents

Applicants are asked to confirm whether they will use Agents in delivering the HPCDS. No preference is given to Applicants based on their answer to this question. Applicants should refer to paragraphs 1.22 – 1.24 of the IFA for further information on using Agents in the delivery of HPCDS services.		
	Question	Options
E.1	Will Agents be used in the delivery of this Scheme?	<p>Yes – will use Agents</p> <p>No - will not use Agents</p>

Section F: Tie Break

Where more than 4 Applicants are tied following Stages 1-3 of the tender assessment process outlined in section 6, meaning the LAA is unable to select the four Applicants to be awarded a Contract in a Scheme(s), the LAA will review the date Applicants are able to start delivering the service and preference will be given to the 4 Applicants who are able to start delivering the service closest to 17 December 2018.

If after reviewing the delivery dates 4 Applicants remain tied the LAA will consider the tied Applicants' responses to the three Tie Break questions set out below and award the Contract to the 4 Applicants that achieve the higher scores for the Tie Break.

Higher marks will be awarded to Applicants that currently employ at least one Supervisor with 2 years' experience, gained with the Applicant, of delivering Housing Possession Court Duty Schemes within the last 3 years.

	Question	Options
F.1i	<p>Please select the answer from the following three options which is applicable to you:</p> <p>A. The Applicant currently employs at least one Full-Time Equivalent Supervisor with 2 years' experience gained with the Applicant of delivering Housing Possession Court Duty Schemes within the last 3 years (27 November 2015 - 26 November 2018).</p> <p>B. The Applicant currently employs at least one Full-Time Equivalent Supervisor with 1 years' experience gained with the Applicant of delivering Housing Possession Court Duty Schemes within the last 3 years (27 November 2015 - 26 November 2018).</p> <p>C. The Applicant currently employs at least one Full-Time Equivalent Supervisor up to 1 years' experience of delivering Housing Possession Court Duty Schemes within the last 3 years (27 November 2015 - 26 November 2018).</p>	<p>A (4 points) (Answer F.1ii.)</p> <p>B (3 points) (Answer F.1ii)</p> <p>C (1 point) (Answer F.1ii.)</p>
F.1ii	Please provide the name of the Supervisor with the experience outlined in E.1i	Text (Answer F.2)

Higher marks will be awarded to Applicants that currently employ directly at least two Caseworkers (this can include a supervisor) with 2 years' experience, gained with the Applicant, of delivering Housing Possession Court Duty Schemes within the last 3 years.

	Question	Options
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F.2i	<p>Please select the answer from the following three options which is applicable to you:</p> <p>A. The Applicant currently directly employs at least two Caseworkers gained with the Applicant with 2 years' experience, gained with the Applicant, of delivering Housing Possession Court Duty Schemes within the last 3 years (27 November 2015 - 26 November 2018).</p> <p>B. The Applicant currently directly employs at least two Caseworkers with 1 years' experience, gained with the Applicant, of delivering Housing Possession Court Duty Schemes within the last 3 years (27 November 2015 - 26 November 2018).</p> <p>C. The Applicant currently employs at least two Caseworker with up to 1 years' experience, gained with the Applicant, of delivering Housing Possession Court Duty Schemes within the last 3 years (27 November 2015 - 26 November 2018).</p>	<p>A (4 points) (Answer F.2ii.)</p> <p>B (3 points) (Answer F.2ii)</p> <p>C (1 point) (Answer F.2ii.)</p>
F.2ii	Please provide the names of the two Caseworkers with the experience outlined in E.2i	Text (Answer F.3)

Question F3: Resourcing	Assessment	Points available
<p>Please use the text boxes provided to describe the contingency arrangements you will have in place for dealing with unexpected peaks in demand at court. Your response should include how you will use your staff to react to the following scenarios:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An increase in the number of Clients requiring assistance during a Session(s). Please refer to the Scheme Guide in Annex A in respect of the anticipated annual volumes for this Scheme. 	<p>The answer should include:</p> <p>Details of the processes the Applicant will follow to adjust resources when there is an increase in demand or staff absences.</p> <p>Extra points may be awarded where an Applicant is able to demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relevant experience of successfully delivering services that required similar resourcing activities, using staff 	5

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short-notice absences of Caseworkers and Supervisors who are delivering Contract Work. 	<p>and/or processes that will be used in delivering the Contract Work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A flexible staffing approach including capacity to effectively meet increases in staffing requirements at short notice 	
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Section G: Warranties and Declaration

This section MUST BE COMPLETED by all Applicants wishing to bid for a HPCDS Contract

Declaration

By completing and submitting this Tender the Applicant confirms that it will meet the following Minimum Requirements specified at paragraph 2.7 of the HPCDS Invitation To Tender Information For Applicants:

- i. holds a 2018 Standard Civil Contract with Schedule Authorisation to conduct Housing and Debt Contract Work; and
- ii. the Applicant will be able and willing to advise on all HPCDS Cases (where no Rota Arrangements apply) listed by a court within that Scheme; and
- iii. the Applicant will have employed, or have a Signed Engagement Agreement to employ, from the date on which they commence the delivery of services, a Housing and Debt Supervisor who will be actively engaged in supervising its delivery of the HPCDS services; and
- iv. the Applicant will have access to an Authorised Litigator; and
- v. all Caseworkers delivering HPCDS services will:
 - iv. be competent and suitably experienced; and
 - v. routinely conduct a minimum of 12 hours casework in the Housing and Debt Category per week; and
 - vi. be authorised to advise and represent Clients in relation to housing possession proceedings.

By completing and submitting this Tender I give my undertaking that I am either:

- the Compliance Officer for Legal Practice (COLP) or the individual intending to be the COLP where the Applicant is or intends to be authorised by the Solicitor Regulation Authority (SRA); or
- the Head of Legal Practice (HOLP) or the individual intending to be the HOLP where the Applicant is or intends to be authorised by the Bar Standards Board (BSB); or
- the Compliance Manager (CM) or the individual intending to be the CM where Applicant is or intends to be authorised by the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives (CILEx); or
- where the Applicant is not (and will not be) authorised by the SRA the BSB or CILEx, a member of Key Personnel who either (i) has decision and / or veto rights over decisions relating to the running of the Applicant; or (ii) has the right to exercise, or actually exercises, significant influence or control over the Applicant;

and am authorised to make this submission on behalf of the Applicant and that the answers submitted in this Tender are correct. I understand that the information will be used in the process to assess the Applicant's suitability to be offered a HPCDS Contract. I understand that the LAA may conduct verification checks and may reject this Tender if there is a failure to answer all relevant questions fully or the information provided is inaccurate in any material way.

	Question	Response Type
G.1	Name of the individual making declaration on behalf of the Applicant	Free text
G.2	Status within the Applicant organisation	Option List: i) COLP or intended COLP ii) HOLP or intended HOLP iii) CM or intended CM iv) Key Personnel

HPCDS ITT for Grimsby

Section A: Office Location

The LAA will give preference to those organisations who hold a 2018 Standard Civil Contract with Schedule authorisation to conduct Housing and Debt Contract Work in the corresponding Housing and Debt Procurement Area.

Where no Applicant holds a 2018 Standard Civil Contract with Schedule authorisation to conduct Housing and Debt Contract Work in the corresponding Housing and Debt Procurement Area, preference will be given to Applicants who will hold a 2018 Standard Civil Contract with Schedule authorisation to conduct Housing and Debt Contract Work in a neighbouring Housing and Debt Procurement Area.

	Question	Options
A.1	<p>Do you hold a 2018 Standard Civil Contract with Schedule Authorisation to conduct Housing and Debt Contract Work from an Office in the North East Lincolnshire and North Lincolnshire Housing and Debt Procurement Area?</p> <p>Please review the Scheme guide published at Annex A of the IFA for further information.</p>	<p>Yes – meet this in full (Answer A.2)</p> <p>No – do not meet this in full (Answer A.3 – A.6 as applicable)</p>
A.2	<p>Please provide the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address • Postcode • LAA Account Number <p>for this Office</p>	Text
A.3	<p>Do you hold a 2018 Standard Civil Contract with Schedule Authorisation to conduct Housing and Debt Contract Work from an Office in the neighbouring Housing and Debt Procurement Area of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doncaster • East Riding of Yorkshire • Lincolnshire 	<p>Yes – meet this requirement in full (Answer A.4)</p> <p>No – do not meet this requirement</p>

	Please review the Scheme guide published at Annex A of the IFA for further information.	(Answer A.5 – A.6 as applicable)
A.4	<p>Please provide the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address • Postcode • LAA account number <p>for this Office</p>	Text
A.5	<p>The HPCDS Contract requires you to hold a 2018 Standard Civil Contract with authorisation to deliver Housing and Debt. If you have not already provided the details of the Office which hold authorisation to deliver Housing and Debt and from which you intend to deliver this service, please provide the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address • Postcode • LAA account number <p>for this Office</p>	Text

Section B: HPCDS Experience

The LAA will give preference to Applicants who have experience of delivering HPCDS services within the last 3 years.

Where no Applicant has experience of delivering HPCDS services within the last 3 years, preference will be given to Applicants who have experience of delivering HPCDS services within the last 5 years

For the avoidance of doubt, when assessing an Applicant's relevant and recent experience of delivering HPCDS in the past, the LAA will only take into account the Applicant's own experience. That means the experience which has been accrued by the Applicant through its own delivery of HPCDS. It does not include any experience of Key Personnel, employees or other individuals which has been gained whilst delivering HPCDS for any other organisation

	Question	Options
B.1	Have you had experience of delivering any HPCDS Scheme within the last 3 years (27 November 2015 - 26 November 2018)?	<p>Yes – meet this requirement (Answer B.2)</p> <p>No – do not meet this requirement (Answer B.3 – B.6 as applicable)</p>
B.2	Please provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the name HPCDS Scheme(s); and • dates during which you delivered these services 	Text
B.3	Have you had experience of delivering any HPCDS Scheme within the last 5 years (27 November 2013 - 26 November 2018)?	<p>Yes – meet this requirement (Answer B.4)</p> <p>No – do not meet this requirement (Answer B.5 – B.6 as applicable)</p>
B.4	Please provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the name HPCDS Scheme(s); and • dates during which you delivered these services 	Text
B.5	Have you had experience of delivering any HPCDS Scheme?	<p>Yes – meet this requirement (Answer B.6)</p> <p>No – will not meet this requirement</p>
B.6	Please provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the name HPCDS Scheme(s); and 	Text

- dates during which you delivered these services

Section C: Ability to commence work from 17 December 2018

The LAA will give preference to those organisations who are able to commence the delivery of HPCDS services in the relevant Scheme from 17 December 2018.

Where no Applicant is able to commence the delivery of HPCDS services in the relevant Scheme from 17 December 2018, preference will be given to Applicants who are able to commence delivering these services as soon after 17 December 2018 as possible

	Question	Options
C.1	Are you able to commence the delivery of HPCDS services in the Grimsby Scheme from 17 December 2018?	Yes – will meet this requirement No – will not meet this requirement (Answer C.2 and C.3)
C.2	Where you are unable to commence the delivery of HPCDS services in the Grimsby Scheme from 17 December 2018 please confirm the date on which you are able to commence the delivery of HPCDS services in this Scheme	Text
C.3	Please set out the reasons why you are not able to commence the delivery of HPCDS services in the Grimsby Scheme from 17 December 2018. Please provide the key activities required to be able to commence the delivery of HPCDS services and dates by which you expect to have completed these activities. For the avoidance of doubt these include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the recruitment of any Caseworkers - the recruitment of any additional Supervisors required 	Text

Section D: Agents

Applicants are asked to confirm whether they will use Agents in delivering the HPCDS. No preference is given to Applicants based on their answer to this question. Applicants should refer to paragraphs 1.22 – 1.24 of the IFA for further information on using Agents in the delivery of HPCDS services.

	Question	Options
D.1	Will Agents be used in the delivery of this Scheme?	<p>Yes – will use Agents</p> <p>No - will not use Agents</p>

Section E: Tie Break

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	Question	Options
E.1i	<p>Please select the answer from the following three options which is applicable to you:</p> <p>A. The Applicant currently employs at least one Full-Time Equivalent Supervisor with 2 years' experience gained with the Applicant of delivering Housing Possession Court Duty Schemes within the last 3 years (27 November 2015 - 26 November 2018).</p>	<p>A (4 points) (Answer E.1ii.)</p> <p>B (3 points) (Answer E.1ii)</p>

	<p>B. The Applicant currently employs at least one Full-Time Equivalent Supervisor with 1 years' experience gained with the Applicant of delivering Housing Possession Court Duty Schemes within the last 3 years (27 November 2015 - 26 November 2018).</p> <p>C. The Applicant currently employs at least one Full-Time Equivalent Supervisor up to 1 years' experience of delivering Housing Possession Court Duty Schemes within the last 3 years (27 November 2015 - 26 November 2018).</p>	C (1 point) (Answer E.1ii.)
E.1ii	Please provide the name of the Supervisor with the experience outlined in E.1i	Text (Answer E.2)

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	Question	Options
E.2i	<p>Please select the answer from the following three options which is applicable to you:</p> <p>A. The Applicant currently directly employs at least two Caseworkers gained with the Applicant with 2 years' experience, gained with the Applicant, of delivering Housing Possession Court Duty Schemes within the last 3 years (27 November 2015 - 26 November 2018).</p> <p>B. The Applicant currently directly employs at least two Caseworkers with 1 years' experience, gained with the Applicant, of delivering Housing Possession Court Duty Schemes within the last 3 years (27 November 2015 - 26 November 2018).</p> <p>C. The Applicant currently employs at least two Caseworker with up to 1 years' experience, gained with the Applicant, of delivering Housing Possession Court Duty Schemes within the last 3 years (27 November 2015 - 26 November 2018).</p>	<p>A (4 points) (Answer E.2ii.)</p> <p>B (3 points) (Answer E.2ii)</p> <p>C (1 point) (Answer E.2ii.)</p>

E.2ii	Please provide the names of the two Caseworkers with the experience outlined in E.2i	Text (Answer E.3)
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Question E3: Resourcing	Assessment	Points available
<p>Please use the text boxes provided to describe the contingency arrangements you will have in place for dealing with unexpected peaks in demand at court. Your response should include how you will use your staff to react to the following scenarios:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An increase in the number of Clients requiring assistance during a Session(s). Please refer to the Scheme Guide in Annex A in respect of the anticipated annual volumes for this Scheme. • Short-notice absences of Caseworkers and Supervisors who are delivering Contract Work. 	<p>The answer should include: Details of the processes the Applicant will follow to adjust resources when there is an increase in demand or staff absences.</p> <p>Extra points may be awarded where an Applicant is able to demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant experience of successfully delivering services that required similar resourcing activities, using staff and/or processes that will be used in delivering the Contract Work • A flexible staffing approach including capacity to effectively meet increases in staffing requirements at short notice 	5

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- the Head of Legal Practice (HOLP) or the individual intending to be the HOLP where the Applicant is or intends to be authorised by the Bar Standards Board (BSB); or
- the Compliance Manager (CM) or the individual intending to be the CM where Applicant is or intends to be authorised by the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives (CILEx); or
- where the Applicant is not (and will not be) authorised by the SRA the BSB or CILEx, a member of Key Personnel who either (i) has decision and / or veto rights over decisions relating to the running of the Applicant; or (ii) has the right to exercise, or actually exercises, significant influence or control over the Applicant;

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	Question	Response Type
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F.1	Name of the individual making declaration on behalf of the Applicant	Free text
F.2	Status within the Applicant organisation	Option List: i) COLP or intended COLP ii) HOLP or intended HOLP iii) CM or intended CM iv) Key Personnel

HPCDS ITT for Winchester Scheme

Section A: Office Location

The LAA will give preference to those organisations who hold a 2018 Standard Civil Contract with Schedule authorisation to conduct Housing and Debt Contract Work in the corresponding Housing and Debt Procurement Area.

Where no Applicant holds a 2018 Standard Civil Contract with Schedule authorisation to conduct Housing and Debt Contract Work in the relevant Housing and Debt Procurement Area, preference will be given to Applicants who will hold a 2018 Standard Civil Contract with Schedule authorisation to conduct Housing and Debt Contract Work in a neighbouring Housing and Debt Procurement Area.

	Question	Options
A.1	<p>Do you hold a 2018 Standard Civil Contract with Schedule Authorisation to conduct Housing and Debt Contract Work from an Office in the Hampshire Housing and Debt Procurement Area?</p> <p>Please review the Scheme guide published at Annex A of the IFA for further information.</p>	<p>Yes – meet this in full (Answer A.2)</p> <p>No – do not meet this in full (Answer A.3 – A.6 as applicable)</p>
A.2	<p>Please provide the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address • Postcode • LAA Account Number <p>for this Office</p>	Text
A.3	<p>Do you hold a 2018 Standard Civil Contract with Schedule Authorisation to conduct Housing and Debt Contract Work from an Office in the neighbouring Housing and Debt Procurement Area of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Sussex; or • Surrey; or • Berkshire; or 	<p>Yes – meet this requirement in full (Answer A.4)</p> <p>No – do not meet this requirement</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiltshire; or • Dorset? <p>Please review the Scheme guide published at Annex A of the IFA for further information.</p>	(Answer A.5 – A.6 as applicable)
A.4	<p>Please provide the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address • Postcode • LAA account number <p>for this Office</p>	Text
A.5	<p>The HPCDS Contract requires you to hold a 2018 Standard Civil Contract with authorisation to deliver Housing and Debt. If you have not already provided the details of the Office which hold authorisation to deliver Housing and Debt and from which you intend to deliver this service, please provide the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address • Postcode • LAA account number <p>for this Office</p>	Text

Section B: HPCDS Experience

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	Question	Options
B.1	Have you had experience of delivering any HPCDS Scheme within the last 3 years (27 November 2015 - 26 November 2018)?	<p>Yes – meet this requirement (Answer B.2)</p> <p>No – do not meet this requirement (Answer B.3 – B.6 as applicable)</p>
B.2	Please provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the name HPCDS Scheme(s); and • dates during which you delivered these services 	Text
B.3	Have you had experience of delivering any HPCDS Scheme within the last 5 years (27 November 2013 - 26 November 2018)?	<p>Yes – meet this requirement (Answer B.4)</p> <p>No – do not meet this requirement (Answer B.5 – B.6 as applicable)</p>
B.4	Please provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the name HPCDS Scheme(s); and • dates during which you delivered these services 	Text
B.5	Have you had experience of delivering any HPCDS Scheme?	Yes – meet this requirement (Answer B.6)

		No – will not meet this requirement
B.6	Please provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the name HPCDS Scheme(s); and dates during which you delivered these services 	Text

Section C: Ability to commence work from 17 December 2018

The LAA will give preference to those organisations who are able to commence the delivery of HPCDS services in the relevant Scheme from 17 December 2018.

Where no Applicant is able to commence the delivery of HPCDS services in the relevant Scheme from 17 December 2018, preference will be given to Applicants who are able to commence delivering these services as soon after 17 December 2018 as possible

	Question	Options
C.1	Are you able to commence the delivery of HPCDS services in the Winchester Scheme from 17 December 2018?	Yes – will meet this requirement No – will not meet this requirement (Answer C.2 and C.3)
C.2	Where you are unable to commence the delivery of HPCDS services in the Winchester Scheme from 17 December 2018 please confirm the date on which you are able to commence the delivery of HPCDS services in this Scheme	Text
C.3	Please set out the reasons why you are not able to commence the delivery of HPCDS services in the Winchester Scheme from 17 December 2018. Please provide the key activities required to be able to commence the delivery of HPCDS services and dates by which you expect to have completed these activities. For the avoidance of doubt these include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the recruitment of any Caseworkers the recruitment of any additional Supervisors required 	Text

Section D: Agents

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	Question	Options
D.1	Will Agents be used in the delivery of this Scheme?	Yes – will use Agents No - will not use Agents

Section E: Tie Break

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	Question	Options
E.1i	Please select the answer from the following three options which is applicable to you: A. The Applicant currently employs at least one Full-Time Equivalent Supervisor with 2 years' experience gained with the Applicant of delivering Housing Possession Court Duty Schemes within the last 3 years (27 November 2015 - 26 November 2018).	A (4 points) (Answer E.1ii.)

	<p>B. The Applicant currently employs at least one Full-Time Equivalent Supervisor with 1 years' experience gained with the Applicant of delivering Housing Possession Court Duty Schemes within the last 3 years (27 November 2015 - 26 November 2018).</p> <p>C. The Applicant currently employs at least one Full-Time Equivalent Supervisor up to 1 years' experience of delivering Housing Possession Court Duty Schemes within the last 3 years (27 November 2015 - 26 November 2018).</p>	<p>B (3 points) (Answer E.1ii)</p> <p>C (1 point) (Answer E.1ii.)</p>
E.1ii	Please provide the name of the Supervisor with the experience outlined in E.1i	Text (Answer E.2)

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E.2i	<p>Please select the answer from the following three options which is applicable to you:</p> <p>A. The Applicant currently directly employs at least two Caseworkers gained with the Applicant with 2 years' experience, gained with the Applicant, of delivering Housing Possession Court Duty Schemes within the last 3 years (27 November 2015 - 26 November 2018).</p> <p>B. The Applicant currently directly employs at least two Caseworkers with 1 years' experience, gained with the Applicant, of delivering Housing Possession Court Duty Schemes within the last 3 years (27 November 2015 - 26 November 2018).</p> <p>C. The Applicant currently employs at least two Caseworker with up to 1 years' experience, gained with the Applicant, of delivering Housing Possession Court Duty Schemes within the last 3 years (27 November 2015 - 26 November 2018).</p>	<p>A (4 points) (Answer E.2ii.)</p> <p>B (3 points) (Answer E.2ii)</p> <p>C (1 point) (Answer E.2ii.)</p>

E.2ii	Please provide the names of the two Caseworkers with the experience outlined in E.2i	Text (Answer E.3)
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Question E3: Resourcing	Assessment	Points available
<p>Please use the text boxes provided to describe the contingency arrangements you will have in place for dealing with unexpected peaks in demand at court. Your response should include how you will use your staff to react to the following scenarios:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An increase in the number of Clients requiring assistance during a Session(s). Please refer to the Scheme Guide in Annex A in respect of the anticipated annual volumes for this Scheme. Short-notice absences of Caseworkers and Supervisors who are delivering Contract Work. 	<p>The answer should include: Details of the processes the Applicant will follow to adjust resources when there is an increase in demand or staff absences.</p> <p>Extra points may be awarded where an Applicant is able to demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relevant experience of successfully delivering services that required similar resourcing activities, using staff and/or processes that will be used in delivering the Contract Work A flexible staffing approach including capacity to effectively meet increases in staffing requirements at short notice 	5

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By completing and submitting this Tender the Applicant confirms that it will meet the following Minimum Requirements specified at paragraph 2.7 of the HPCDS Invitation To Tender Information For Applicants:

- i. holds a 2018 Standard Civil Contract with Schedule Authorisation to conduct Housing and Debt Contract Work; and

- ii. the Applicant will be able and willing to advise on all HPCDS Cases (where no Rota Arrangements apply) listed by a court within that Scheme; and
- iii. the Applicant will have employed, or have a Signed Engagement Agreement to employ, from the date on which they commence the delivery of services, a Housing and Debt Supervisor who will be actively engaged in supervising its delivery of the HPCDS services; and
- iv. the Applicant will have access to an Authorised Litigator; and
- v. all Caseworkers delivering HPCDS services will:
 - i. be competent and suitably experienced; and
 - ii. routinely conduct a minimum of 12 hours casework in the Housing and Debt Category per week; and
 - iii. be authorised to advise and represent Clients in relation to housing possession proceedings.

By completing and submitting this Tender I give my undertaking that I am either:

- the Compliance Officer for Legal Practice (COLP) or the individual intending to be the COLP where the Applicant is or intends to be authorised by the Solicitor Regulation Authority (SRA); or
- the Head of Legal Practice (HOLP) or the individual intending to be the HOLP where the Applicant is or intends to be authorised by the Bar Standards Board (BSB); or
- the Compliance Manager (CM) or the individual intending to be the CM where Applicant is or intends to be authorised by the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives (CILEx); or
- where the Applicant is not (and will not be) authorised by the SRA the BSB or CILEx, a member of Key Personnel who either (i) has decision and / or veto rights over decisions relating to the running of the Applicant; or (ii) has the right to exercise, or actually exercises, significant influence or control over the Applicant;

and am authorised to make this submission on behalf of the Applicant and that the answers submitted in this Tender are correct. I understand that the information will be used in the process to assess the Applicant's suitability to be offered a HPCDS Contract. I understand that the LAA may conduct verification checks and may reject this Tender if there is a failure to answer all relevant questions fully or the information provided is inaccurate in any material way.

	Question	Response Type
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F.1	Name of the individual making declaration on behalf of the Applicant	Free text
F.2	Status within the Applicant organisation	Option List: i) COLP or intended COLP ii) HOLP or intended HOLP iii) CM or intended CM iv) Key Personnel

ANNEX D: GLOSSARY OF DEFINED TERMS

Term	Description
Act of Assistance	An occasion on which a Provider delivers Contract Work to a Client in accordance with the requirements of the Specification and the HPCDS Contract
Agent	An individual or organisation (other than counsel) engaged by you to undertake Contract Work in accordance with the provisions of the HPCDS Contract
Alternative Hearing Venue (AHV)	An alternative venue at which a hearing relating to a Case listed at a Court in a Provider's Schedule is to be heard.
Applicant	A single legal entity (including an individual) Tendering to deliver the advertised services.
Authorised Litigator	An individual who conducts litigation services as an authorised person in accordance with the Legal Services Act 2007
Bar Standards Board/BSB	Bar Standards Board; a Relevant Professional Body
Case	An Act of Assistance carried out by a Provider on behalf of a Client under the Scheme.
Caseworker	An individual who is employed by the Applicant and who must be <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - be competent and suitably experienced; and - routinely conduct a minimum of 12 hours casework in the Housing and Debt Category per week; and - be authorised to advise and represent Clients in relation to housing possession proceedings.
Category, Categories or Categories of Law	The category or categories of law, which are publicly funded legal services being tendered for and listed in this IFA, the definitions of which are set out in the Category Definitions 2018
CILEx	Chartered Institute of Legal Executives; a Relevant Professional Body
Client	An individual whom the Legal Aid Agency Director (or a person authorised by the Director) or the court has determined qualifies for the receipt of Contract Work
CM	Compliance Manager for an organisation authorised by CILEx
COLP	Compliance Officer for Legal Practice for an organisation authorised by the SRA.
Contract Documents	The documents listed at paragraph 1.11 of the IFA.
Contract for Signature	The document of that name issued by the LAA and signed by the LAA and the Applicant in relation to this Contract
Contact Period	Has the meaning given in the Contract for Signature
Contract Start Date	The date from which the Provider must deliver the HPCDS Contract Work, being 17 December
Court	One or more courts as specified in your Schedule or where applicable, any Alternative Hearing Venue or additional venue(s) that we and/or Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service (HMCTS) may specify from time to time, which hears Acts of Assistance covered by the Scheme and which you

	are required to attend in order to provide Acts of Assistance in accordance with the requirements of the Contract.
Data Protection Laws	Means (a) any law, statute, declaration, decree, directive, legislative enactment, order, ordinance, regulation, rule or other binding restriction (as amended, consolidated or re-enacted from time to time) which relates to the protection of individuals with regards to the processing of personal data including, but not limited to, the Data Protection Act 2018 and the GDPR or, in the event that the UK leaves the European Union, all legislation enacted in the UK in respect of the protection of personal data; and (b) any code of practice or guidance published by the ICO from time to time
Data Subject	As defined in the GDPR
Deadline	The deadline to submit a Tender under this process which is 9am, 26 November 2018.
e-Tendering system	The LAA's secure internet site at www.legalaid.bravosolution.co.uk through which Tenders and the procurement process as a whole are managed.
Exclusive Schedule	The document of that name incorporated within a HPCDS Contract which includes an authority for a Provider to perform Contract Work in a Scheme.
FAQ or Frequently Asked Questions	Questions with corresponding responses as published by the LAA and termed 'Frequently Asked Questions'.
GDPR	Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data (General Data Protection Regulation)
HMCTS	Her Majesty's Court and Tribunal Service
HOLP	Head of Legal Practice for an organisation authorised by the BSB
Housing and Debt	As set out in the 'Category Definitions 2018' guide published on our website
Housing and Debt Contract Work	Services to be delivered under a legal aid contract in accordance with the requirements of the Contract
Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme, or Scheme, or HPCDS, or HPCDS services	The Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme operating under and in accordance with the requirements of the HPCDS Contract.
HPCDS Contract	The agreement between a Provider and the LAA known as the 2013 Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme Contract, as amended, which consists of the Contract Documents and which will be awarded to successful Applicant under this procurement process.
HPCDS Contract Work	HPCDS contract work undertaken in accordance with the 2013 Standard Civil Contract (as amended).
Individual Bid	A bid for Contract Work in a particular Scheme Area.
Information for Applicants ("IFA")	This Information for Applicants document (in its entirety)
HPCDS Invitation to Tender (HPCDS ITT)	The Scheme ITTs for the HPCDS Contract.
Key Personnel	Any individual who has, or is held out as having either expressly or impliedly, or exercises, (or will have, be held out as having or exercising by the Contract Start Date) powers of representation, decision, veto, influence or control in relation to an Applicant including partners, directors, trustees and other senior managers and employees of the Applicant. Where a trust or company would satisfy the above in relation to an Applicant, any individual who has the right to exercise significant influence or control over the activities of that trust or company.

Legal Aid	Has the meaning given to it in Part 1 of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012
Legal Aid Agency or LAA	The Executive Agency of the Ministry of Justice that from 1 April 2013 has been responsible for the administration of legal aid (including this procurement process)
Matter Start	A Controlled Work case as defined at Section 1 of the HPCDS Contract Specification
Minimum Requirements	The requirements set out in paragraph 2.8 of the IFA
Offer Letter	The document which contains the term of the contract including amendments to 2013 Standard Civil Contract and changes the contract period and order of precedence of contract docs and provides the mechanism for execution of the Contract.
Office	As defined at paragraph 2.32 of the 2018 Standard Civil Contract General Specification
Personal Data	As defined in the GDPR
Processing	As defined in the GDPR
Processor	As defined in the GDPR
Provider	A party to a contract with the LAA in respect of the provision of Legal Aid.
Remuneration Regulations	The Civil Legal Aid (Remuneration) Regulations 2013
Response	An Applicant's response to a HPCDS ITT as part of this procurement process
Scheme	The Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme operating under and in accordance with the requirements of the HPCDS Contract
Security Requirements	The requirements regarding security of the Personal Data, as set out in the Data Protection Laws (including, in particular, the measures set out in Article 32(1) of the GDPR (taking due account of the matters described in Article 32(2))
Session	A distinct 'morning' or afternoon' session scheduled by the applicable Court in order to hear cases covered by the Scheme
Signed Engagement Agreement	A legally binding written agreement between and executed by an individual and an Applicant confirming that the individual will be employed or otherwise engaged as required by the terms of the HPCDS Contract by the Applicant from 17 December, or the date provided in answer to question C.2 (D.2 for Bodmin and Truro Scheme) of the Applicant's ITT Response as the date it can commence delivering HPCDS services. The terms "written agreement," as used in this IFA, and "formalised agreement," as used in the Specification, bear the same meaning.
Solicitors Regulation Authority or SRA	Solicitors Regulation Authority; a Relevant Professional Body
Specification	The 2013 Standard Civil Contract Specification, as amended, which sets out the nature of the Contract Work to be delivered.
Supervisor	Any person employed by the Applicant who meets the Supervisor Standard set out in the Specification, and who will be actively supervising the Contract Work tendered for
Tender	An Applicant's complete response to this procurement process consisting of a Response to one of more of the HPCDS ITTs.

Tie Break	Method that will be used to distinguish between bids in the event that more than 4 bids are tied following the assessment process.
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