



Legal Aid
Agency

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF LINCOLNSHIRE COURT DUTY SOLICITOR SCHEMES - BOSTON, LINCOLN (incorporating GRANTHAM), & SKEGNESS

Introduction and Background

This consultation is in response to concerns being raised about the inequitable split of court duty rota slots between 'Lincoln Court' and the 'Remand at Lincoln' columns on the current Lincolnshire rota. The 'Remand at Lincoln' column represents slots allocated to members of the Boston & Skegness schemes, following the centralisation of remand courts in Lincoln from the 30 September 2016. The reason for the split was to allow non-Lincoln/Grantham Duty Solicitors the opportunity to deal with custody cases arising from the county but not bailed matters originating from either Lincoln or Grantham.

HMCTS have confirmed that they do not split remand cases and all remand cases are shared equally between the two Duty Solicitors on rota, with no allocation based upon where the defendant is from. The Court are of the view that it is better for the throughput of work for cases to be allocated from a combined rota for remand cases, with no separate remand list for county based Duty Solicitors.

This Consultation

This consultation paper comprises two sections:

Section 1 outlines the Duty Solicitor Schemes affected.

Section 2 outlines the options identified to change the approach to the Remand Court Duty Solicitor at Lincoln Magistrates' Court.

Responses to this consultation should be sent by email by 5.00 p.m. on Friday 16 November 2018.

Section 1 - Changes to Lincolnshire Court Duty Solicitor Rota and the Duty Solicitor Schemes affected.

The changes proposed here affect the postcodes in Appendix A below.

These proposals do not affect any Police Station duty scheme or the slots allocated to the Lincoln Court Duty Solicitor (column 1 of the current rota) or Occasional Courts.

Section 2 - Proposed revisions to schemes

Proposed Changes

In respect of Lincoln Court Duty Solicitor scheme our proposals are:

- (i) To create a combined Remand List including membership from Lincoln, Grantham, Boston and Skegness Duty Solicitor schemes and remove the split between Lincoln/Grantham and Boston/Skegness.

In order to correct the perceived inequity in slot allocation, this split could occur with effect from the 1 January 2019, in accordance with Paragraph 6.56 of the 2017 Standard Crime Contract:

6.56 We may amend the last three months of a six-month Rota (or second half of a Rota of shorter length) to correct errors or omissions of Duty Slot allocation in the first two months of that Rota (or equivalent period in a Rota of shorter length). One month's notice will be given of any such amendment unless operational reasons outside our control necessitate having to give a shorter period of notice.

If Option 1 is the preferred Option, views are sought from members on whether the rota should be amended from the 1 January or 1 April 2019.

Or

- (ii) Retain current arrangements, whereby the court continue to allocate the work fairly between the two duty solicitors, which for Lincoln/Grantham Duty Solicitors will mean dealing with both remanded and bailed matters (Monday to Friday).

If you have any other suggested options, that you feel we should consider, please let us know.

Please send your views, via e mail to Joanne Harvey & Elaine Annable (joanne.harvey@justice.gov.uk & elaine.annable@justice.gov.uk) no later than **5.00 p.m.** on **Friday, 16 November 2018**.

Respondents are invited to comment on these proposals and, if not in support of either proposals, to offer an alternative suggestion.

If you have any additional queries or wish to discuss these proposals, please contact your Contract Manager.

Thank you.

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Appendix A – Postcodes

Postcode	Scheme
DN21 1	Lincoln / Gainsborough
DN21 2	Lincoln / Gainsborough
DN21 3	Lincoln / Gainsborough
DN21 5	Lincoln / Gainsborough
DN36 5	Skegness
DN37 8	Lincoln / Gainsborough
DN38 6	Lincoln / Gainsborough
LN1 1	Lincoln / Gainsborough
LN1 2	Lincoln / Gainsborough
LN1 3	Lincoln / Gainsborough
LN10 5	Lincoln / Gainsborough
LN10 6	Lincoln / Gainsborough
LN11 0	Skegness
LN11 7	Skegness
LN11 8	Skegness
LN11 9	Skegness
LN12 1	Skegness
LN12 2	Skegness
LN13 0	Skegness
LN13 9	Skegness
LN2 1	Lincoln / Gainsborough
LN2 2	Lincoln / Gainsborough
LN2 3	Lincoln / Gainsborough
LN2 4	Lincoln / Gainsborough
LN2 5	Lincoln / Gainsborough
LN3 4	Lincoln / Gainsborough
LN3 5	Lincoln / Gainsborough
LN4 1	Lincoln / Gainsborough
LN4 2	Lincoln / Gainsborough
LN4 3	Lincoln / Gainsborough
LN4 4	Lincoln / Gainsborough
LN5 0	Lincoln / Gainsborough
LN5 7	Lincoln / Gainsborough
LN5 8	Lincoln / Gainsborough
LN5 9	Lincoln / Gainsborough
LN6 0	Lincoln / Gainsborough
LN6 3	Lincoln / Gainsborough
LN6 4	Lincoln / Gainsborough
LN6 5	Lincoln / Gainsborough
LN6 7	Lincoln / Gainsborough
LN6 8	Lincoln / Gainsborough
LN6 9	Lincoln / Gainsborough
LN7 6	Lincoln / Gainsborough
LN8 2	Lincoln / Gainsborough
LN8 3	Lincoln / Gainsborough
LN8 5	Lincoln / Gainsborough
LN8 6	Lincoln / Gainsborough
LN9 5	Skegness
LN9 6	Skegness

	Grantham & Sleaford
NG31 7	Grantham & Sleaford
NG31 8	Grantham & Sleaford
NG31 9	Grantham & Sleaford
NG32 2	Grantham & Sleaford
NG32 3	Grantham & Sleaford
NG33 4	Grantham & Sleaford
NG33 5	Grantham & Sleaford
NG34 0	Grantham & Sleaford
NG34 7	Grantham & Sleaford
NG34 8	Grantham & Sleaford
NG34 9	Grantham & Sleaford
PE10 0	Boston / Bourne / Stamford
PE10 9	Boston / Bourne / Stamford
PE11 1	Boston / Bourne / Stamford
PE11 2	Boston / Bourne / Stamford
PE11 3	Boston / Bourne / Stamford
PE11 4	Boston / Bourne / Stamford
PE12 0	Boston / Bourne / Stamford
PE12 6	Boston / Bourne / Stamford
PE12 7	Boston / Bourne / Stamford
PE12 8	Boston / Bourne / Stamford
PE12 9	Boston / Bourne / Stamford
PE20 1	Boston / Bourne / Stamford
PE20 2	Boston / Bourne / Stamford
PE20 3	Boston / Bourne / Stamford
PE21 0	Boston / Bourne / Stamford
PE21 6	Boston / Bourne / Stamford
PE21 7	Boston / Bourne / Stamford
PE21 8	Boston / Bourne / Stamford
PE21 9	Boston / Bourne / Stamford
PE22 0	Boston / Bourne / Stamford
PE22 7	Boston / Bourne / Stamford
PE22 8	Skegness
PE22 9	Boston / Bourne / Stamford
PE23 4	Skegness
PE23 5	Skegness
PE24 4	Skegness
PE24 5	Skegness
PE25 1	Skegness
PE25 2	Skegness
PE25 3	Skegness
PE6 8	Grantham & Sleaford
PE6 9	Grantham & Sleaford
PE9 1	Grantham & Sleaford
PE9 2	Grantham & Sleaford
PE9 4	Grantham & Sleaford