



Legal Aid  
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## 2015 Own Client Crime Contract: Information for Applicants

### Amendment Notice with effect from 13 May 2015

On Wednesday 25 March the Court of Appeal lifted the injunction which suspended the second stage of the procurement process for 2015 Duty Provider Contracts and as a result the procurement process for Duty Provider Contracts resumed on 27 March and closed on 5 May 2015. However, the legal challenge has delayed the anticipated Service Commencement Date for 2015 Crime Contracts.

Under the revised process the Service Commencement Date for Own Client Contracts is now anticipated to be **11 January 2016** in line with the 2015 Duty Provider Contracts.

In accordance with paragraph 8.12 of the Information for Applicants ("IFA") Applicant Organisations are notified that we have amended the Own Client procurement process and IFA to reflect consequential changes resulting from the suspension of the Duty Provider Contract procurement process by:

- amending the dates referred to in the indicative timeline; and
- amending the Service Commencement Date

Version 3 of the Own Client IFA incorporating these amendments is available via the 'Buyer Attachments' link within the eTendering system and on the [Gov.uk](http://Gov.uk) website.

### Requirements upon Applicant Organisations

Applicant Organisations are required to refer to version 3 of the IFA in respect of this procurement process.

For ease of reference the amended indicative timeline is also set out below:

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Timescale</b>
Procurement process for 2015 Own Client Crime Contracts opens and available via the LAA's eTendering portal	25 April 2014
Final date to submit questions about this procurement process	12 noon on 12 May 2014
Final 'Frequently Asked Questions' to be published	19 May 2014
Deadline for submission of Tenders	12 noon on 23 May 2014
Outcome of Own Client Contract Tenders	Late June 2014
Deadline for submission of appeals from unsuccessful Applicant Organisations	1 week after notification
Notification of appeal outcomes	July 2014
Verification of Own Client Tenders*	<b>September 2015 – January 2016</b>
Own Client Contract documentation issued **	<b>December 2015 – January 2016</b>
Service Commencement Date	<b>11 January 2016</b>