

Dear Contract Liaison Manager,

**Notice of Amendments to 2013/2014/2015 Standard Civil Contracts and the Civil Legal Advice (“CLA”) 2013 Contracts**

Following consultation with the Consultative Bodies, I am writing to provide you with notice of amendments to the 2013 Standard Civil Contract, 2014 Standard Civil Contract, the 2015 Standard Civil Contract and the 2013 CLA Contract (the “Contract”).

These amendments are made pursuant to Clauses 13.4 and 13.7 of the Contract Standard Terms. This notice will be deemed to have been received in accordance with Clause 20 of the Contract Standard Terms. For clarity of interpretation, any terms which are capitalised but not defined within this letter shall have the meaning given to them in the Contract.

The amendments are necessary to:

- take account of changes required as a result of the Social Services and Well Being (Wales) Act 2014; and
- rectify references to the Civil Procedure Rules in the applicable Specification (Paragraph 6.18 of the 2014 Specification, Paragraph 6.19 in the 2013 and 2015 Specifications and Paragraph 8.18 of the CLA Contract Specification) in relation to payment in fast track proceedings.

The amended versions of the applicable Specification and details of the amendments, together with an explanation of the rationale in relation to the amendments made, are set out in the table “*Summary of Amendments to 2013/2014/2015 Standard Civil Contracts May 2016*” and will be published on our website at:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/standard-civil-contract-2013>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/standard-civil-contract-2014>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/standard-civil-contract-2015>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/civil-legal-advice-contract-2013>

Given the nature of the amendments it is intended that they will be incorporated and come in to effect immediately.

If you have any questions concerning these amendments please contact your Contract Manager.

Yours faithfully,



Hugh Barrett  
**Director of Legal Aid Commissioning and Strategy**