



Legal Aid
Agency

To: All Firms with Duty Solicitors on the Northampton Police Station Schemes

Dear Sir / Madam

Response to Consultation with **Northampton Police Station** scheme members following the local Police Authority announcement to close Corby Police Station Custody suite and transfer work to Weekly Wood Justice Centre, Cherry Hall Road, Kettering, Northampton NN14 1UE, with the effect from the 1 August 2017.

On 13 September 2017, the Legal Aid Agency issued a consultation regarding possible changes to the Corby Police Station panel scheme affected by the decision to close Corby Custody suite. It was requested by a member of the above scheme that the Corby panel, which operates from 9.00 a.m. Saturday to 9.00 a.m. on Monday, should become a rota scheme at weekends.

The deadline for responses to the consultation was **2nd October 2017** and the timetable for the consultation exercise indicated that following consideration of any responses, all affected parties would be notified of the outcome of the consultation no later than 20 October 2017. Therefore, this letter is intended as formal notification of the outcome of the consultation.

Summary of Responses

A total of five responses were received in response to the above consultation.

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to provide feedback on the proposal.

All five responses were in favour of **Option 1**:-

To amend the current panel to a rota scheme (at weekends) with effect from the 1 January 2018, with no changes to the current police station membership or any impact on existing court duty solicitor schemes.

The Police Station fixed fee for scheme ID 8016 remains unchanged, with the Police Station ID code being NT113 for work conducted at Weekly Wood Justice Centre.

Decision

After careful consideration of the responses received, and the points raised within the same, the Legal Aid Agency have decided to proceed with **Option 1** as noted above.

Next steps

- Option 1 proposed in the consultation document will take effect on 1 January 2018.
- The above change will be reflected in the next rota period from 1 January 2018 to 31 March 2018 and thereafter.

Further Enquiries

Should you have any queries or need to discuss this consultation response further you should contact your local Contract Manager at the Nottingham Regional Office.