



Legal Aid
Agency

A Consultation

Introduction of Uniform Police Station Rota Periods for all Essex Schemes

Schemes under consultation:

Basildon

Chelmsford/Witham

Clacton & Harwich/Colchester

Grays/Thurrock

Harlow & Loughton

Rayleigh/Southend on Sea

Introduction and Background

Duty Solicitor Police Station Rotas

This consultation is in response to a suggestion by an Essex provider that all Police Station rota periods in Essex have uniformity of start and end times.

This Consultation

This consultation paper comprises two sections:

Section 1 - outlines the current Police Station rota periods.

Section 2 – asks for providers' views on three questions regarding the proposal to introduce uniform start and end times to all Police Station rota periods throughout Essex.

We are consulting on these proposals for 3 weeks, from 20/06/18 to 12/07/18.

Responses should be sent by email to diane.hayward@justice.gov.uk

We anticipate publishing the consultation response by 26/07/18.

Section 1 – Current Police Station Rota Periods.

Basildon: 1700 – 0900 (0900 – 0900 Saturday/Sunday)

Chelmsford: 1900 – 1900

Clacton & Harwich: 1900 – 1900

Colchester: 1900 – 1900

Grays/Thurrock: 0900 – 0900

Harlow: 0900 – 0900

Rayleigh: 0600 – 0600

Southend: 0600 - 0600

Section 2 – Proposal to Introduce Uniform Start and End times to all Essex Police Station Rota Periods

It has been suggested that the current rota periods cause logistical issues for providers and that uniformity of start and end times would assist providers to process volume efficiently and effectively.

The LAA has no preferred outcome to this consultation.

The outcome will be determined by the number and strength of responses to the following questions.

Providers are invited to give their views on the following three questions:

Question 1:

Do you agree that a uniform start and end time should be introduced to all Essex Police Station rota periods?

Please indicate the reasons for your response.

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Question 2:

If your response to Question 1 is Yes, what should the start and end times be for the uniform rota period? Should these times apply Monday-Sunday or Monday-Friday with a separate period for Saturday-Sunday?

Please give details and indicate the reasons for your response.

Question 3:

If your response to Question 1 is No, are there any Police Station rota periods in Essex which you consider should be changed?

Please give details and indicate the reasons for your response.

All additional comments following on from any of the above questions are also welcomed.