



Legal Aid
Agency

Procurement of Civil Legal Advice Services in England and Wales from 1 October 2018: Housing Possession Court Duty Schemes

Cancellation Notice with effect from 5 July 2018

On 12 October 2017, the LAA published an invitation to tender for Civil Legal Aid Services in England and Wales from 1 October 2018 for Housing Possession Court Duty Schemes (HPCDS) on its e-Tendering portal.

In accordance with its right at paragraph 8.24 of the Information for Applicants document, Applicants are notified that the LAA has cancelled the procurement process for HPCDS in its entirety.

This means that the LAA will not proceed with the award of any contracts under that process.

The decision to cancel the procurement process in its entirety has been taken in order to give effect to the Administrative Court's decision dated 22 June 2018 (case number CO/5321/2017) in the judicial review proceedings brought by the Law Centres Federation t/as Law Centres Network against the Lord Chancellor.

That judgment quashed both the MOJ's decision to move to fewer, larger contracts and its decision to launch the procurement process.

The LAA will publish further information regarding the next steps for HPCDS contracts as soon as possible.