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Dear Contract Liaison Manager

2017 Standard Crime Contract (“Contract”): Notice of Extension of the Contract Period

I write further to the headline intentions document on extending the Contract published on the gov.uk website on 9 July 2019 [here](#).

In that document, the LAA confirmed that it would be extending the current Contract because of the reviews the Ministry of Justice is undertaking into criminal legal aid and the thresholds for legal aid entitlement. The LAA considers that it would be best placed to tender for a future crime contract once the outcome of these reviews is known. Both are due to report towards the end of summer 2020.

Your Contract was due to expire on 31 March 2020. In accordance with Clause 2.3 of your Contract for Signature, the LAA now gives you notice that it is extending the Contract Period for an additional 12 months.

The LAA now requires you to continue to provide the Contract Work upon the same terms and conditions as detailed within your Contract until 23:59:59 hours on 31 March 2021.

You do not need to take any further action for this extension to take effect.

This notice is given and will be deemed to have been received in accordance with Clause 20 (Giving Notices) of the 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.

If you have any queries in relation to the above, you should contact your Contract Manager.

Yours sincerely

Jane Harbottle
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