

## Procurement of Civil Legal Aid Services in England and Wales from April 2021: Civil Legal Advice Services in the Education Category of Law

## Cancellation Notice with effect from 2 February 2021

On 1 October 2020, the LAA published an invitation to tender for Civil Legal Advice ("**CLA**") Services for the provision of Specialist Telephone Advice Contract Work in the Education and Discrimination Categories of Law from 1 April 2021 on its e-Tendering portal.

In accordance with the LAA's right to do so pursuant to paragraph 5.24 of the Invitation to Tender ("**IFA**") Information for Applicants document, Applicants are notified that the LAA has cancelled the procurement process in part in relation to the 3 CLA Contracts in the Education Category.

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

The decision to cancel the procurement process for CLA Education Services has been taken as a result of receiving insufficient compliant tenders for this Category of Law. The procurement process would not have resulted in the award of the required number of contracts to provide CLA Education Services.

This cancellation notice does not apply to the LAA's procurement of CLA Services in the Discrimination Category of Law, conducted under the same procurement process. This means that the LAA intends to proceed with the award of CLA Discrimination Services contracts under this procurement process.

The LAA will shortly publish a further procurement opportunity to deliver CLA Education Services from April 2021. Further details will be available on gov.uk at: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/specialist-telephone-advice-in-education-and-discrimination-from-april-2021</u>.