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### **LAA Specialist Quality Mark: Procurement timetable update**

In July 2021 the LAA held a market engagement event with organisations interested in tendering to administer the Specialist Quality Mark from April 2022.

In response to questions from attendees about the planned procurement timetable, information published following the market engagement event indicated that we expected the procurement opportunity to open in late August/early September 2021.

### **Revised procurement timetable**

The LAA has reviewed its requirement and the timetable for placing a new contract. As a result, the LAA now expects its procurement process to begin in late January 2022, with services under the new contract beginning from 1 October 2022.

Following market engagement, the LAA does not anticipate the advertised service will be significantly different to that described during the market engagement event, the slides for which have been published on the LAA's website: [Specialist Quality Mark Services from April 2022 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#). No further market engagement activity is therefore planned before the procurement process opens.

Further details about the procurement process and the requirements bidders will need to meet will be published on the LAA tender pages when the procurement opportunity opens.