



Legal Aid  
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## **Procurement of Detained Duty Advice Scheme Services at Derwentside Immigration Removal Centre from 1 January 2022 Invitation to Tender Information for Applicants**

### **Cancellation Notice with effect from 16 November 2021**

On 22 July 2021, the LAA published an invitation to tender for Detained Duty Advice Scheme (“**DDAS**”) Services at Derwentside Immigration Removal Centre (“**IRC**”) from 1 January 2022 on its eTendering portal.

In accordance with the LAA’s right to do so pursuant to paragraph 9.24 of the Invitation to Tender Information for Applicants (“**IFA**”) document, Applicants are notified that the LAA has cancelled the procurement process in its entirety.

This means that the LAA will not proceed with the award of any IRC Exclusive Schedules or 2018 Standard Civil Contracts under that procurement process.

The decision to cancel the procurement process for DDAS Services has been taken as a result of receiving insufficient compliant tenders that met the minimum requirements detailed in the IFA. The procurement process would not have resulted in the award of at least 3 Exclusive Schedules to adequately provide DDAS Services.

To provide access to DDAS services for Clients at Derwentside IRC from 1 January 2022, the LAA will seek to continue the existing contingency arrangements, which were established on 18 August 2021 (but which have not yet been used due to the postponement of the IRC opening), for a period of 6 months (until 30 June 2022). During this time the LAA will review the volumes of Clients at the IRC and how services are being delivered to inform its approach to procuring these services.