

Legal Aid Agency – Procurement and Commercial Pipeline

The Legal Aid Agency’s procurement pipeline provides a forward look at our planned procurements and commercial activity over the next 3 years, including all anticipated procurements valued at £10,000 or more.

Most LAA-let contracts are commissioned in line with the policy objectives set by the Ministry of Justice, reflecting ministerial priorities. Accordingly, it is this policy that will drive the timetable for procurement activity and the likely contract duration. Contracts are marked as being subject to policy decisions on our pipeline where the structure and timetable for commercial activity is not fully defined at the point of publication.

Neither the publication of this pipeline, nor any of the information presented in it, should be taken as a commitment or representation by the Legal Aid Agency (or any other organisation) to enter into a contractual arrangement, to proceed with a procurement or to proceed with the procurement route indicated. The information included within the pipeline provides an indication only as to the Legal Aid Agency’s planned procurements and commercial activity. Circumstances may change and we cannot guarantee that planned procurements will progress as detailed and/or that the requirements, contract value, and/or timeline of the same will be as stated. We cannot guarantee that all procurement opportunities will be available to all suppliers.

There may also be further procurement activity that takes place that we are not currently aware of and which may not appear on this procurement pipeline.

We will refresh our published pipeline at least annually. We will continue to publish details of our opportunities valued above £10,000 on Contracts Finder and, where appropriate, on the Find a Tender service.

Contract description	Existing or new requirement	Existing contract – current end date	Existing contract maximum end date	Procurement expected	Date new contract expected to begin	Anticipated new contract value (exc extension options)	Anticipated new contract term	Anticipated procurement route
Standard Crime Contract – face to face specialist legal advice delivering criminal legal aid	Existing	30/09/2022	30/09/2022	19/10/2021	01/10/2022	£600m	1 year, with options to extend on a 1+1 basis	Open procedure

Standard Civil Contract – face to face specialist legal advice delivering civil legal aid	Existing	31/08/2022 Note: the LAA intends to extend contracts to 31/08/23, with the exception of Immigration, which will be extended for a shorter time and replaced by a stand-alone immigration contract.	31/08/2023	TBC – informed by policy decisions	Subject to policy decision	TBC	TBC	TBC
2018 Standard Civil Contract (Education & Discrimination) – face to face specialist legal advice delivering civil legal aid in Education and/or Discrimination	Existing	31/08/2022 Note: the LAA intends to extend contracts to 31/08/23	31/08/2023	TBC – informed by policy decisions	Subject to policy decision	TBC	TBC	TBC
Housing Possession Court Duty Schemes – offering on the day emergency advice and assistance at court to anyone facing possession proceedings	Existing	30/09/2022	30/09/2022	TBC – informed by policy decisions	Subject to outcome of policy consultation and decision	TBC	TBC	TBC
CLA specialist telephone advice – telephone-based specialist legal advice	Existing	31/08/2022	31/08/2023	TBC – informed by policy decisions	Subject to policy decision	TBC	TBC	TBC

delivering civil legal aid in Housing & Debt								
CLA specialist telephone advice – telephone-based specialist legal advice delivering civil legal aid in Education	Existing	31/08/2023	31/08/2025	TBC – informed by policy decisions	Subject to policy decision	TBC	TBC	TBC
CLA specialist telephone advice – telephone-based specialist legal advice delivering civil legal aid in Discrimination	Existing	31/08/2023	31/08/2025	TBC – informed by policy decisions	Subject to policy decision	TBC	TBC	TBC
Criminal Defence Direct – offering telephone-based criminal legal advice to individuals detained at police stations for certain offences	Existing	31/05/2024	31/05/2026	TBC – informed by policy decisions	Subject to policy decision	TBC	TBC	TBC
Administration of the LAA's Specialist Quality Mark quality standard, which includes auditing and assessing legal services providers that apply for SQM accreditation	Existing	30/09/2022	30/09/2022	27/01/2022	01/10/2022	£1.5m Note: as a concession contact public expenditure is £0	3 years, with options to extend by up to a further 2 years	Open procedure
Peer Review: individual peer reviewers – legal practitioners who assess legal aid	Existing	30/09/2022	30/09/2022	During 2022	01/10/2022	£644k per annum	TBC	Open procedure

providers' case files to determine the standard of work delivered								
Peer Review: expert services – the provision of independent oversight of the LAA's Peer Review process and the performance of certain activities including the provision of training, ensuring consistency and where appropriate, further developing the Peer Review process	Existing	31/05/2022	31/05/2023	TBC	01/06/2023	TBC	TBC	TBC