



The Law Society



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## Crime Contract Consultative Group (CCCG) meeting Tuesday 14 June

### Minutes V1.0

When	<b>Tuesday 14 June</b>
Where	<b>Via Teams</b>
Chair	David Thomas
Minutes	Eloise Worrall
Present	Alice Mutasa – TLS Andrew Cosma – MMS Avrom Sherr – IALS David Thomas - LAA Elaine Annable - LAA Glyn Hardy – LAA Hesham Puri - LCCSA Jennifer Johnson – LAA Kath Burdett – LAA Nick Ford – LAA Nick Poulter – LAA Richard Atkinson - TLS
Apologies	Adrian Vincent – BC Arron Dolan – CBA Chandni Brown - CilEx Daniel Bonich – CLSA Elliot Miller – LAA Gerwyn Wise – GCLAW Helen Johnson – LAPG Henry Hills – SAHCA Ian Kelcey – CLC

<p>James MacMillan – MoJ          Jelena Lentzos – LAA          Jill Waring – LAA          Jon Heavens – MoJ          Kate Pasfield - LAPG          Kathryn Grainger – LAA          Kathy Hartup – LAA          Martin Secrett - BC          Matt Doddridge – LAA          Jon Heavens – MoJ          Helen Johnson – LAPG          Neil Lewis - LAA          Melissa Thompson – LAA          Neil Lewis - LAA          Paul Moore - LAA          Rakesh Bhasin-LCCSA          Richard Miller          Richard Owen - TLS A2J Cttee          Stuart Nolan - TLS          Will Hayden - LAA</p>
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R Atkinson welcomed attendees to the meeting and confirmed that papers and minutes had been circulated in advance.

1. Minutes from April meeting were reviewed and approved.

Actions were discussed as follows:

<b>APAPR01</b>	<b>To feedback to W Hayden on the proposal on the out of hours.</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>To be feedback by 5 July</b>
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2. **Nick Poulter – Operational update**

N Poulter provided an operational update on processing within the LAA and went through his report.

Intakes were lower last week due to the two bank holidays. In respect of AGFS, intakes are roughly running at about pre COVID levels. In respect of LGFS, intakes are running at approx 125% of pre covid levels. A Cosma suggested that the discrepancy between AGFS intakes and LGFS intakes could be as a result of interim claiming- which is available for LGFS bit not for AGFS.

N Poulter passed over to K Burdett.

K Burdett introduced herself as the new Head of criminal cases unit. K Burdett highlighted that they cover VHCC's special preparation and some of the central funds as well as the private prosecutions court appointees, defendants, and cost orders. There wasn't anything to report and have no concerns at the moment. K Burdett asked if the group had any queries. No questions were raised.

3. **Elaine Annable - CMA Update**

The quality and experience of future peer reviewers was discussed in light of a current recruitment round and the reduction in post qualification experience required. It was noted that potential peer reviewers must have received a peer review rating of 1 or 2 themselves and the governance process meant that all peer review results were closely scrutinised to ensure consistency and an accurate representation of quality.

**4. Representative body queries**

A Cosma Asked how many new contracts have been issued under the new contract? D Thomas will find out the information and feedback. A Cosma asked why information was being held back? D Thomas explained that the process is ongoing.

**APJUN01 – D Thomas to obtain information on how many new contracts have been issued under the new contract and send through to A Cosma.**

**5. AOB**

There was no other business.

R Atkinson ended the meeting.

**Actions from this meeting:**

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The next meeting is on Tuesday 16 August via Teams