

# Procurement of the Housing Loss Prevention Advice Service in England and Wales from August 2023

# **Housing Loss Prevention Advice Service Information for Applicants**

#### Introduction

The Legal Aid Agency ("**LAA**") is inviting Tenders to deliver the publicly funded Housing Loss Prevention Advice Services ("**HLPAS**") to commence on 1 August 2023. Successful Applicants will be awarded a Schedule to provide HLPAS Contract Work.

Schedules will form part of the 2018 Standard Civil Contract ("2018 Contract") which is the primary contractual arrangement between the LAA and contracted organisations delivering civil legal aid services.

It will be a requirement that holders of a HLPAS Schedule hold a 2018 Contract which includes a specific authorisation to conduct Housing and Debt Contract Work ("2018 Housing and Debt Contract") i.e. the face-to-face delivery of legal aid advice on Housing & Debt matters that are not covered by HLPAS.

It is **not** a requirement that Applicants tendering for a HLPAS Schedule to **currently** hold a 2018 Contract. The LAA welcomes Tenders from any Applicant which meets the rules of this procurement process and is able to deliver HLPAS Contract Work. Applicants can bid for a 2018 Housing and Debt Contract through this procurement.

A compliant Tender consists of a Response to:

- 1. the Selection Questionnaire ("SQ"); plus
- 2. at least one Housing Loss Prevention Advice Service Invitation to Tender ("HLPAS ITT");

and, where the Applicant is not a current Housing and Debt Contract holder, or is a current 2018 Housing and Debt Contract holder and wishes to deliver Housing and Debt Contract Work from new Offices to support the delivery of HLPAS:

3. the Housing and Debt Contract Work ITT ("Housing and Debt ITT")

The ITTs to which an Applicant must submit a Response is dependent on its current status as set out below:

Is the Applicant a current 2018
Housing and Debt Contract
holder?

No

Applicants, either New Entrants or those who currently hold a 2018 Contract but not a 2018 Housing and Debt Contract must submit:

- 1. A SQ Response; and
- 2. A Response to the Housing Debt ITT; and
- 3. A Response to the relevant HLPAS ITT(s).

Applicants must read the following IFAs:

#### **SQ IFA**

# **Housing and Debt IFA**

Which are published here.

Yes

Does the Applicant wish to deliver
Housing and Debt Contract Work
from new Offices to support the
delivery of HLPAS Contract Work?

No

Yes

Applicant must submit:

- 1. An SQ Response; and
- 2. A Response to the relevant HLPAS ITT(s).

Applicants must read the following IFA:

#### SQ IFA

Which are published <u>here</u>.

Applicant must submit:

- 1. An SQ Response; and
- 2. A Response to the Housing Debt ITT; and
- 3. A Response to the relevant HLPAS ITT(s).

Applicants must read the following IFAs:

#### **SQ IFA**

#### **Housing IFA**

Which are published here.

The Deadline for submitting a Response to the SQ, HLPAS ITT and, where relevant, the Housing and Debt ITT is 12 pm on 19 December 2022 ("Deadline")

The HLPAS will replace the Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme ("**HPCDS**") and an Applicant currently contracted to deliver a HPCDS will fall into the category of a Housing and Debt Contract holder.

Where an Applicant who already holds a 2018 Housing and Debt Contract is unsuccessful in their Tender to deliver HLPAS Contract Work, their 2018 Housing and Debt Contract will not be affected.

#### This IFA

This Information for Applicants document ("**IFA**") provides information about the HLPAS Contract Work stage of this procurement process, including how Applicants submit a Response to the HLPAS ITT, and the rules of the procurement process.

Before submitting their HLPAS ITT Response, Applicants must read this IFA and all the SQ / Housing and Debt IFAs (as applicable) for this procurement process in their entirety and all supplementary information provided, such as Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs") and HLPAS Guides.

Applicants must also read the 2018 Contract and specifically sections 1 - 6 and 10 of the 2018 Standard Civil Contract Specification ("**Specification**") containing details of Housing and Debt and HLPAS Contract Work requirements (available at <u>Standard Civil Contract 2018 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</u>) in full to ensure that they understand the full nature and extent of the obligations they are committing to accept.

Where an Applicant is notified of the LAA's intention to award it Contract Work subject to verification, it is the Applicant's sole responsibility to ensure they provide all necessary verification information.

Where not defined in the body of this IFA, capitalised terms are either defined in the glossary at Annex B of the SQ IFA, or in the 2018 Contract. References to 'procurement process' relate to the process of the procurement of Housing Loss Prevention Advice Service Contract Work under this IFA.

Late submissions will not be considered under any circumstances. It is the Applicant's sole responsibility to ensure that the LAA receives its Tender before the Deadline.

It is the Applicant's sole responsibility to ensure that its Tender has been correctly completed to fully and properly represent the Applicant's bid for Contract Work offered under this procurement process.

# **Timetable**

For guidance purposes only, a list of indicative dates for key activities of the procurement process is set out below. Where there are significant changes to the dates for key activities relating to the procurement process, the LAA will notify Applicants through the eTendering system.

Activity	Timescale
Procurement process opens and is available via the LAA's eTendering system	17 November 2022
Final date for submission of questions about this procurement process	23.59 on 2 December 2022
'Frequently Asked Questions' to be published	Week commencing 5 December 2022
Deadline for submission of HLPAS ITT Response	12pm on 19 December 2022
Deadline for submitting compliant verification information	23.59 on 1 May 2023
Notification of outcome of HLPAS ITT Response assessment	June 2023
10-day standstill	June 2023
Contract Start Date	1 August 2023

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#### **SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

#### About the LAA and this procurement process

1.1 The LAA, on behalf of the Lord Chancellor, is responsible for commissioning and administering legal aid services (publicly funded advice and representation) across England and Wales in accordance with the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 and associated legislation. All contract documentation is issued by the LAA on behalf of the Lord Chancellor.

## What are Applicants tendering for as part of this stage of the procurement process?

- 1.2 The LAA is inviting Tenders for the delivery of HLPAS Contract Work in 105 HLPAS Areas comprising of one or multiple courts across England and Wales. Further details are set out in Annex A.
- 1.3 The LAA will award HLPAS Schedules to organisations that meet the LAA's requirements for HLPAS Contract Work as set out in this IFA.
- 1.4 Applicants should note that to be eligible to submit a HLPAS ITT Response, they **must** either already hold a Housing and Debt Contract or be awarded one through this procurement process at the Office(s) from which they are bidding. Applicants should read the <u>Housing and Debt IFA</u> for further information.
- 1.5 Applicants should refer to Section 10 of the Specification for detail on the scope of work included in HLPAS and the Housing and Debt Categories of Law.

## Who can submit a HLPAS ITT Response?

- 1.6 Any organisation who meets the minimum contract requirements may tender to deliver HLPAS Contract Work.
- 1.7 The LAA will not accept subcontracting or consortia arrangements but the use of Agents is permitted if the conditions in paragraph 2.5 of the Specification are satisfied.
- 1.8 The LAA will only contract with single legal entities (including individuals who are sole traders). Should existing organisations wish to merge or join with others to apply to deliver HLPAS Contract Work, they must form a single legal entity. It is not necessary for the contracting entity to have been formed at the time an Applicant submits its Tender, however, where this is the case the LAA will require them to confirm that the contracting entity has been formed as part of its verification process.

#### **SECTION 2: APPLICANTS' QUESTIONS**

- 2.1 If an Applicant has a question about the HLPAS Contract Work stage of this procurement process, to which they cannot find a response in this document or guidance provided in the eTendering system, it will be able to direct it through two different channels depending on the type of question.
- 2.2 The two different question types are:
  - (a) questions about the content of this IFA; and
  - (b) technical questions about how to operate the eTendering system.

#### Questions about this IFA

- 2.3 If an Applicant has any questions about the content of this IFA, it may submit them up until **23.59** on **2 December 2022.** This is referred to in the eTendering system as the 'End date for supplier clarification messages'.
- 2.4 All such questions must be submitted using the eTendering system message boards for this procurement process.
- 2.5 Applicants should assume that questions and answers will be published. Questions that the LAA considers to be of wider interest will be collated and answered centrally in writing to ensure that all potential Applicants have equal access to information. Questions and answers will be published on the LAA's tender pages.

# Technical questions about how to operate the eTendering system

- 2.6 There is a helpdesk to provide technical support to Applicants' using the eTendering system. The helpdesk is unable to assist with problems with Applicants' own computer hardware or systems. For these types of issues Applicants should contact their usual IT support.
- 2.7 Questions for the helpdesk should be emailed to: <a href="help@bravosolution.co.uk">help@bravosolution.co.uk</a> Alternatively, the telephone number for the helpdesk is 0800 069 8630 and lines are open from 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday.
- 2.8 The LAA recommend that Applicants start to complete their Tender early so that they can identify any areas in which they need help as soon as possible, as the helpdesk is likely to be very busy in the days leading up to the Deadline. The LAA cannot guarantee that queries received close to the Deadline will be dealt with before the Deadline.
- 2.9 All Tenders must be completed and submitted using the eTendering system.

#### **SECTION 3: ETENDERING SYSTEM**

- 3.1 The eTendering system can be accessed either through a link on the <u>tender pages</u> of the LAA website or directly at <a href="https://legalaid.bravosolution.co.uk">https://legalaid.bravosolution.co.uk</a>.
- 3.2 Applicants must review the information regarding the operation of the eTendering system which is set out in Section 3 of the SQ IFA and can be found at: <a href="Housing Loss Prevention Advice Services">Housing Loss Prevention Advice Services (HLPAS)</a> and Housing and Debt services from August 2023 GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

#### **SECTION 4: HLPAS CONTRACT WORK**

## What Contract Work will be awarded under this procurement process?

- 4.1 Successful Applicants will start delivering HLPAS Contract Work on 1 August 2023 and the Contract will run until 31 August 2024 (subject to the LAA's rights of early termination).
- 4.2 Applicants will be awarded a Schedule for 150 Matter Starts to deliver Early Legal Advice in each full Schedule period. Schedules run from 1 September to 31 August each year. Accordingly, the Schedule covering the period 1 to 31 August 2023 will be pro-rated.
- 4.3 As part of the Schedule, Applicants will also receive a specific number of acts of assistance to deliver the In-Court Duty Scheme, which is based on the historic volume of cases which have been claimed under the current HPCDS service at each court. The volume of acts of assistance which will be allocated for HLPAS area being tendered for as part of this procurement process are set out in Annex A of this IFA.
- 4.4 HLPAS Contract Work is delivered through HLPAS areas. Each HLPAS ITT Response submitted by an Applicant is known as an "Individual HLPAS Bid".
- 4.5 It is the Applicant's sole responsibility to ensure they provide us with all the necessary information to evidence they meet the relevant verification requirements either as part of the HLPAS ITT Response or by no later than 23:59 on 1 May 2023.

#### The 2018 Contract and HLPAS Contract Work

- 4.6 The HLPAS comprises two key aspects:
  - i. Early Legal Advice
  - ii. In-Court Duty Scheme

#### i. Early Legal Advice

- 4.7 Early Legal Advice involves the provision of legal advice in housing, debt and welfare benefits matters to individuals at risk of possession proceedings and loss of their home.
- 4.8 Early Legal Advice may be provided in person or remotely.

4.9 Early Legal Advice is non-geographic. Providers will be able to assist clients wherever they are in England and Wales.

#### ii. In-Court Duty Scheme

- 4.10 The In-Court Duty Scheme provides 'on the day' emergency face-to-face advice and advocacy to anyone facing possession proceedings in court.
- 4.11 The In-Court Duty Scheme is available to individuals whose home is at immediate risk of possession because possession proceedings have been listed for a review or substantive hearing.
- 4.12 An individual In-Court Duty Scheme will be provided by a single provider subject to paragraph 7.26. The courts at which successful Applicants must deliver these services will be specified in their HLPAS Schedule.
- 4.13 Contract documentation is available on the LAA's website: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/standard-civil-contract-2018
- 4.14 Whilst the LAA may allocate a certain volume of Matter Starts and acts of assistance to Providers, no guarantee is provided in relation to the volume or value of work which individual Providers will receive or be paid for under any HLPAS Schedule. Services are provided under open market conditions and clients are free to choose from those Providers holding a HLPAS Schedule.

# Using Agents

4.15 Applicants intending to use Agents should familiarise themselves with the relevant clauses in the 2018 Contract. Applicants should note that they will be responsible for submitting a single claim for all HLPAS Contract Work, including work undertaken by Agents.

## **Payment**

4.16 Payment for HLPAS Contract Work will be at the rates set out in Legal Aid Legislation.

# **SECTION 5: MINIMUM HLPAS REQUIREMENTS**

5.1 All Applicants tendering to deliver HLPAS Contract Work must be able to evidence how they meet the following **six** requirements:

No	Minimum Requirement	How will I evidence the requirement?	When do I need to evidence requirement?
1	The Applicant holds (or applies through this procurement process and subsequently goes on to hold), a Housing and Debt Contract from the Office(s) from which it provides as part of its Individual HLPAS Bid(s).	The LAA will check its own records to ensure that Applicants have authorisation to deliver Housing and Debt Categories under a 2018 Contract, or that they have submitted a Housing and Debt ITT Response under this procurement process to deliver Housing and Debt Contract Work. If this is not the case their Individual HLPAS Bid(s) will be rejected.  Applicants that do not currently hold a Housing and Debt Contract must have:	
		i. submitted a Housing and Debt Response as part of this procurement process; and ii. been notified by the LAA that they have been awarded a Housing and Debt Contract, subject to providing compliant verification information by no later than 23.59 on 12 February 2023; and iii. been notified that they have provided compliant verification information by no later than 23.59 on 12 February 2023, as set out in paragraph 7.27 of the Housing and Debt IFA.	

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2	The Applicant must deliver HLPAS Contract Work	Applicants must declare that they commit to meeting	Applicants must declare that they
	in accordance with paragraphs 10.18 to 10.79 of	this requirement when submitting their HLPAS ITT	commit to meeting this requirement
	the Specification.	Response.	when submitting their HLPAS ITT
			Response.
3	At all times throughout the Contract Period, the	At least one compliant Supervisor Declaration Form	A compliant Supervisor Declaration
	Applicant must have a Housing and Debt	for each Supervisor in the Housing and Debt	Form must be submitted as part of
	Supervisor who is actively engaged in supervising	Categories of Law.	their HLPAS ITT Response, or by no
	your delivery of the service and who must be		later 23.59 on 1 May 2023.
	reasonably accessible to support your advisers as	As set out at paragraph 2.26 of the Specification, a	
	required in order to ensure the efficient and	Supervisor may supervise at a maximum of two	
	effective delivery of the service.	Offices or across two Providers with one Office each	
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4	At all times throughout the Contract Period, the	Applicants must provide the Authorised Litigator's	The Authorised Litigator's name and
	Applicant must employ an Authorised Litigator.	name and roll number when submitting their Tender.	roll number must be submitted as
			part of their HLPAS ITT Response,
			or by no later than 23.59 on 1 May
			2023.
5	All individuals delivering HLPAS Contract Work	Applicants must declare that they commit to meeting	A LAA Contract Management visit will
	must meet the definition of Caseworker as defined	this requirement when submitting their Tender.	be conducted to confirm compliance.
	in paragraph 2.27 of the Specification.		
6	At all times throughout the Contract Period, must	Applicants must declare that they commit to meeting	A LAA Contract Management visit will
	nominate an individual member of your personnel	this requirement when submitting their Tender.	be conducted to confirm compliance
	as your HLPAS Manager who is responsible for the	_	·
	overall management of the HLPAS.		

#### **SECTION 6: COMPLETION OF A HLPAS ITT RESPONSE**

- 6.1 The HLPAS ITTs can be found in the eTendering system in Project 139 at ITTs 717 -718 and 720 827.
- Applicants are required to complete a HLPAS ITT Response for each HLPAS area where they wish to perform HLPAS Contract Work. Where an Applicant is bidding for HLPAS Contract Work across multiple HLPAS ITTs its HLPAS ITT Response will be comprised of an Individual HLPAS Bid for each HLPAS.
- 6.3 Each HLPAS ITT contains the Technical Envelope which is comprised of the:
  - (a) Quality Award Criteria; and
  - (b) Proximity Award Criterion; and
  - (c) Warranties and declarations.

#### **Quality Award Criteria**

- 6.4 A full breakdown of each of the questions is included in the relevant HLPAS ITT and is replicated at Annex C.
- 6.5 The Quality Award Criteria require Applicants to set out how they will deliver HLPAS Contract Work, including how they will deploy appropriate infrastructure and appropriately skilled and experienced staff to deliver the HLPAS Contract Work.
- 6.6 Applicants must respond to the Quality Award Criteria specifically in relation to the HLPAS area being tendered for. Responses that are not specific to the HLPAS area likely to receive lower scores.
- 6.7 The Quality Award Criteria will be assessed in accordance with the evaluation methodology set out at paragraphs 7.5 to 7.9 to determine a "quality" score.
- 6.8 Each scored sub-criterion requires the Applicant to type a written response to the specific questions asked in the free text boxes provided.
- 6.9 Each text box has a maximum limit of 2000 characters (including spaces). Applicants have the facility to use up to a maximum of three text boxes in their responses to each sub-criterion question (allowing a total of 6,000 characters per response). Applicants will not be able to exceed the character limit when submitting their responses.

# **Proximity Award Criterion**

- 6.10 The Proximity Award Criterion requires Applicants to confirm the physical location they will deliver the HLPAS from and allocates scores depending on distance from the court locations to be covered.
- 6.11 The Proximity Award Criterion is included in the relevant HLPAS ITT and is replicated at Annex C.
- 6.12 The Proximity Award Criterion is a scored question which is answered by selecting an answer from the drop-down menu.

6.13 Details of corresponding and neighbouring Housing and Debt Procurement Areas are set out in Annex B.

#### Warranties and declaration

6.14 The Technical Envelope also contains a warranties and declaration section.

Applicants are referred to Annex C for the precise wording.

# **Mandatory Attachment – HLPAS ITTs**

6.15 Applicants are required to upload the following Mandatory Attachment as part of each Individual HLPAS Bid:

Mandatory Attachment	Submission requirements
Staff Organogram	Required in response to Question N.1 of the Technical Envelope of each HLPAS ITT Response.

# Staff Organogram

- 6.16 Applicants are required to submit a Staff Organogram for each Individual HLPAS Bid which includes information about how the Applicant will staff the HLPAS Contract Work in the applicable HLPAS area. Applicants should use their own templates. However, the Staff Organogram must as a minimum show:
  - all roles that will be used in delivering the HLPAS Contract Work, including the HLPAS Manager. This should include the title of the role and the main duties that will be performed; and
  - names of individual staff members fulfilling those roles (unless a vacant position), including whether they are currently employed, where there is a Signed Engagement Agreement and where they are employed as Agents; and
  - the qualifications and experience of staff members fulfilling roles; and
  - roles which are currently vacant; and
  - whether staff members and/or roles are permanent or temporary. Where temporary, the Applicant should stipulate how long the position will last; and
  - whether the staff member and/or role is full time or part time. Where part time, the Applicant should stipulate the proportion of an FTE the role comprises.
- 6.17 Where an Applicant fails to provide relevant Mandatory Attachment, the relevant Individual HLPAS Bid may be rejected. For example, if an Applicant has provided a Staff Organogram for the Whitehaven HLPAS area but has failed to provide a Staff Organogram for the Durham HLPAS area, the Applicant may have its Individual HLPAS Bid for the Durham HLPAS area rejected.
- 6.18 Providing the relevant Mandatory Attachment is a requirement for an Individual HLPAS Bid to be compliant. That is the case even where the information has been provided to the LAA by the Applicant in a format other than in an Organogram (e.g. where information relating to the Mandatory Attachment is contained within an Applicant's answer to an Award Criterion).

- 6.19 Please note that because Mandatory Attachments must be completed outside of the eTendering system and uploaded into an Individual HLPAS Bid, it is not possible for the eTendering system to prevent incorrect or incomplete information being submitted and it is the Applicant's responsibility to ensure fully completed and accurate information is attached.
- 6.20 The LAA will only accept attachments submitted in the following formats:
  - Microsoft Word;
  - Microsoft Excel; or
  - Adobe PDF.
- 6.21 Applicants should check the contents of any attachments on the eTendering system (found in the "Actions" menu). Applicants should go to the section in the HLPAS ITT against which the attachments are uploaded and select "Download". This will open the versions of the attachments uploaded as part of a Tender.

#### Submission of verification information

- 6.22 Applicants will be able to submit verification information as part of their HLPAS ITT Response or provide that information by the verification deadline of 23.59 on 1 May 2023 where they have also submitted a Housing and Debt ITT Response as part of this procurement process.
- 6.23 Please note that because attachments must be completed outside of the eTendering system and uploaded into the HLPAS ITT Response, it is not possible for the eTendering system to prevent incorrect or incomplete information being submitted and it is the Applicant's responsibility to ensure fully completed and accurate information is attached.

#### Submitting an Individual HLPAS Bid and HLPAS ITT Response

6.25 Before submitting an Individual HLPAS Bid and ITT Response, an Applicant must check that it has answered all questions correctly. If the Individual HLPAS Bid and HLPAS ITT Response is incomplete it may be assessed as unsuccessful.

#### **SECTION 7: HLPAS ITT RESPONSE ASSESSMENT**

- 7.1 Applicants must ensure they submit an SQ Response in all cases and a Housing and Debt ITT Response where applicable. If no SQ Response and/or (where applicable) Housing and Debt ITT Response has been submitted, this will result in an incomplete Tender and the LAA will reject the Applicant's HLPAS ITT Response in its entirety.
- 7.2 HLPAS ITT Responses will then be assessed in the following stages:
  - Stage 1 Housing and Debt Contract Work assessment
  - Stage 2 Quality Award Criteria
  - Stage 3 Proximity Award Criteria
  - Stage 4 Declaration and warranties assessment
  - Stage 5 Verification
  - Stage 6 Final Score
  - Stage 7 Tie-break (if applicable)

# Stage 1 - Housing and Debt Contract Work assessment

- 7.3 The LAA will check its own records to confirm whether the Applicant holds, or has successfully tendered for, a Housing and Debt Contract at each Office from which it has tendered to deliver HLPAS Contract Work.
- 7.4 The LAA will reject any Individual HLPAS Bid where an Applicant does not meet the requirements of paragraph 7.3.

#### Stage 2 - Quality Award Criteria

- 7.5 The LAA will evaluate the responses within the Technical Envelope submitted by Applicants which contains the Quality Award Criteria. The score achieved by Applicants for the Quality Award Criteria constitutes 95% of the overall score.
- 7.6 Each scored sub-criterion will be assessed and given a score of between 0 and 4 in accordance with the scoring matrix in the below:

Score	Scoring Criteria:
(0-4)	
0	Unacceptable: The following is indicative of factors that would lead to a score of 0:
	No response is provided, or the response is not relevant to the sub-criteria.
1	<b>Poor response:</b> The following is indicative of factors that would lead to a score of 1:
	Little or no detail provided to answer the sub-criteria or a generic or vague
	response is provided making no reference to the specific issues/areas listed in
	the sub-criteria
	The response provided requires the reviewer to make assumptions
	The response provides confused and/or contradictory information in relation to
	other responses across the Individual HLPAS Bid submitted

2	Adequate: The following is indicative of factors that would lead to a score of 2:
	The response engages with the sub-criteria but does not specifically address
	all issues/areas listed in the sub-criteria
	The Applicant provides limited evidence/information indicating how it meets the
	sub-criteria
	The response provides consistent information in relation to other responses
	across the Individual HLPAS Bid submitted
3	Acceptable: The following is indicative of factors that would lead to a score of 3:
	The response addresses all issues/areas listed in the sub-criteria in most
	material respects but is lacking in some minor respects.
	The response provides consistent information in relation to other responses
	across the Individual HLPAS Bid submitted
4	Comprehensive: The following is indicative of factors that would lead to a score of 4:
	The response addresses all issues/areas listed in the sub-criteria in a
	comprehensive manner
	The Applicant provides high quality evidence/information indicating how it
	meets the sub-criteria
	The response provides consistent information in relation to other responses
	across the Individual HLPAS Bid submitted

- 7.7 To score higher points, Applicants should reference the information published in the specific HLPAS Guide, including demonstrating that their response is applicable to the specific characteristics of the HLPAS area being tendered for (e.g. specific Court listing days). Responses that are not specific are likely to achieve lower points.
- 7.8 The relevant weighting will be applied to the score achieved against the relevant sub criterion. Weighted scores in the Quality Award Criteria will be calculated to two decimal places. Weighted scores for all Quality Award Criteria will be added together to give an overall Quality Award Criteria score out of 95. The weightings for the HLPAS Quality Award Criteria will be:

## Non-Welsh HLPAS Area

Award Criteria	Sub-Criteria	Sub-criteria weighting
Award Criteria 1- Staffing the service	1.1i. Skills and experience of staff delivering specialist legal advice in Housing and Debt Categories of Law	10%
	1.1ii Skills and experience of staff delivering specialist legal advice- Ability to provide Early Legal Advice	10%

	1.2 Skills and experience of staff in delivering an In-Court Duty Scheme or a comparable service	20%
	1.3 Supervision of staff delivering HLPAS Contract Work	5%
Award Criteria 2- Delivery of a quality	2.1 Resourcing Plan	20%
service	2.2 Management of an effective service	15%
Award Criteria 3 - Capacity planning	3.1 Sustainability of the service	5%
Award Criteria 4 – Social Value	4.1. Social Value Question	10%

# Welsh HLPAS Area

Award Criteria	Sub-Criteria	Sub-criteria weighting
Award Criteria 1- Staffing the service	1.1 Skills and experience of staff delivering specialist legal advice.	9%
	1.1.ii Skills and experience of staff delivering specialist legal advice- Ability to provide Early Legal Advice	9%
	1.1.iii Skills and experience of staff delivering specialist legal advice – Welsh Requirements	2%
	1.2 Skills and experience of staff in delivering an In-Court Duty Scheme or a comparable service	20%
	1.3 Supervision of staff delivering HLPAS Contract Work	5%
Award Criteria 2- Delivery of a quality	2.1 Resourcing Plan	20%
service	2.2 Management of an effective service	15%
Award Criteria 3 - Capacity planning	3.1 Sustainability of the service	5%
Award Criteria 4 – Social Value	4.1. Social Value Question	10%

An example of how this will operate for a non-welsh HLPAS Area is set out below, including example scores:

Award Criteria	Sub-Criteria	Sub- criteria weighting	Applicant Score (0- 4)	Calculation	Applicant weighted score
Award Criteria 1-	1.1i Skills and experience of staff delivering specialist legal advice.	10%	3	0.75 x 10	7.50
Staffing the service	1.1ii Skills and experience of staff delivering specialist legal advice- Ability to provide Early Legal Advice	10%	3	0.75 x 10	7.50
	1.2 Skills and experience of staff in delivering an In-Court Duty Scheme or a comparable service	20%	4	1 x 20	20.00
	1.3 Succession planning	5%	0	0 x 5	0
Award Criteria 2-	2.1 Resourcing Plan	20%	4	1 x 20	20.00
Delivery of a quality service	2.2 Management of an effective service	15%	3	0.75 x 15	11.25
Award Criteria 3 - Capacity planning	3.1 Sustainability of the service	5%	3	0.75 x 5	3.75
Award Criteria 4 – Social Value	4.1. Social Value Question	10%	3	0.75 x 10	7.50
				Total Score (out of 95)	77.5

# **Stage 3 – Proximity Award Criterion**

7.9 The LAA will evaluate the responses within the Technical Envelope submitted by Applicants for geographical proximity to the court and which will be worth a maximum of 5 points.

# 7.10 Points will be awarded as follows:

Question	Points available
Applicant is (or will be) able to deliver HLPAS through an Office based in the Housing and Debt Procurement Area in which court(s) is/are located, and which holds a Housing and Debt Contract	5

Applicant is (or will be) able to deliver HLPAS through an Office based in	
the neighbouring Housing and Debt Procurement Area in which the	3
court(s) is/are located, and which holds a Housing and Debt Contract	
Applicant will not be able to deliver HLPAS through an Office based in	
the corresponding or neighbouring Housing and Debt Procurement Area	0
in which the court(s) is/are located, and which holds a Housing and Debt	0
Contract	

- 7.11 The LAA will check its own records and the information set out at Annex B of the IFA to confirm that the Applicant's nominated Office is in the corresponding or neighbouring Procurement Area, as applicable, in which the court(s) are located to deliver HLPAS Contract Work bid for.
- 7.12 For New Entrants, the LAA will review the outcome of the assessment of the Individual Housing and Debt Bid to confirm the Applicant's nominated Office is in the corresponding or neighbouring Procurement Area.
- 7.13 Where the LAA's records or the Applicants Individual Housing and Debt Bid(s) do not confirm that the Applicant has (or will have) an Office in the corresponding or neighbouring Procurement Area, the Applicant will receive 0 points for this question.
- 7.14 Where Applicants submitted a Housing and Debt ITT Response as part of this procurement process but as part of verification chose to change the Procurement Area in which their Office will be based, as set out at paragraphs 7.5 to 7.6 of the <a href="Housing and Debt IFA">Housing and Debt IFA</a>, this may result in the Housing and Debt Procurement Area no longer matching the option selected in the HLPAS ITT Response.
- 7.15 Where paragraph 7.14 applies, the Applicant's response will be re-scored to 0.

#### **Stage 4 – Verification**

- 7.16 Applicants will be required to verify their Individual HLPAS Bids with their HLPAS ITT Response or by no later than 23.59 on 1 May 2023.
- 7.17 Whilst undertaking Stages 2 and 3 the LAA will assess verification information submitted with an Applicants HLPAS ITT Response. Where verification information has been provided with the HLPAS ITT Response Applicants will be given one opportunity to provide compliant verification information. Only Applicants who have provided compliant verification by no later than 23.59 on 1 May 2023 will go forward to Stage 6 (Final Score).
- 7.18 Any Individual HLPAS Bid for which compliant verification is not received will be rejected.

# **Stage 5 – Declarations and warranties**

- 7.19 The LAA will assess the declarations given in an Applicant's Housing and Debt ITT Response to ensure the Applicant has provided the necessary declarations and warranties on a pass/fail basis.
- 7.20 Where the Applicant fails to provide the necessary declarations and warranties, the whole Housing and Debt ITT Response may fail.

7.21 Applicants who are assessed as having provided the necessary declarations and warranties will be eligible for the award of HLPAS Contract Work, subject to verification.

# Stage 6 - Final Score

7.22 The scores from Stage 2 and Stage 3 will be combined to make a Final Score, based on a maximum score of 100 points. The Final Scores of Applicants in each HLPAS ITT will be ranked, and the Applicant with the highest Final Score will be awarded the HLPAS Contract Work in each HLPAS area.

## Stage 7 – Tie-break (if applicable)

- 7.23 In the event that Applicants are tied the LAA will show preference to Applicants which achieved higher weighted scores in the Quality sub-criteria that the LAA has identified as "Priority Questions" as set out at paragraph 7.24 below. The LAA will combine the weighted scores that each tied Applicant has achieved for the Priority Questions and award the Contract to the Applicant who has achieved the highest combined score.
- 7.24 The Quality sub-criteria which are Priority Questions are:
  - 1.1
  - 1.2
- 7.25 Where Applicants are still tied following the process set out above the LAA may award more than one contract to deliver a HLPAS, with the successful Applicants delivering the HLPAS on a rota.

# **Contract Award**

- 7.26 All Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their HLPAS ITT Response by a letter sent via the eTendering system.
- 7.27 Where an Applicant's Individual HLPAS Bid has been unsuccessful following Stage 6, or, where applicable, Stage 7, their letter will set out their score, ranking, strengths and weaknesses of their Individual HLPAS Bid, and the relative advantages of the successful Applicant's Individual HLPAS Bid.
- 7.28 The LAA will observe a voluntary 10-day standstill period beginning the day after notification is sent to Applicants of the outcome of this procurement process.

# **Issuing Contract documentation**

7.29 Where an Applicant has been awarded HLPAS Contract Work, the outcome notification letter will set out how the HLPAS Schedule will be issued.

# **SECTION 8: GENERAL RULES OF THIS PROCUREMENT PROCESS**

<ul> <li>8.1 The rules of this procurement process are set out at Section 5 of the SQ IFA and can be found here.</li> <li>8.2 Applicants must read the rules of the procurement process in full.</li> </ul>	
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# **ANNEX A: HLPAS AREAS**

Please note: Applicants who are awarded a HLPAS Schedule will be allocated 150 Matter Starts to deliver Early Legal Advice in addition to the acts of assistance for In-Court Duty Scheme Contract Work listed in this annex.

ITT No.	HLPAS area	Courts Covered in HLPAS	Acts of assistance available for In- Court Duty Scheme for 13 months
ITT_718	Aberystwyth	Aberystwyth County Court	26
	Aldershot,	Aldershot Justice Centre	
ITT_720	Basingstoke	Basingstoke County Court and Family Court	223
ITT_721	Barnet	Barnet Civil and Family Courts Centre	405
ITT_728	Barnsley	Barnsley Law Courts	143
ITT_729	Barnstaple, Torquay & Newton Abbott	Barnstaple Magistrates', County and Family Court  Torquay and Newton Abbot County and Family Court	117
ITT_730	Barrow in Furness, Carlisle	Barrow-in-Furness County Court and Family Court  Carlisle Combined Court Centre	139
ITT_731	Basildon	Basildon Combined Court	349
Bath, Bristol		Bath County Court and Family Court  Bristol Civil and Family Justice Centre	213
ITT_733	Bedford County Court and Family Court		190
ITT_734	Birkenhead	Birkenhead County Court and Family Centre	465

ITT_735	Birmingham	Birmingham Civil and Family Justice Centre	4279
ITT_736	Blackpool, Preston	Blackpool County Court and Family Court  Preston Combined Court Centre	715
ITT_737	ITT_737  Blackwood, Newport (Gwent)  Newport (Gwent)  Newport (Gwent) Civil and Family  Newport (Gwent) Civil and Family Court		160
ITT_738	Bodmin, Truro	Bodmin County Court and Family Court  Truro County Court and Family Court	73
ITT_739	Boston, Lincoln	Boston County Court and Family Court  Lincoln County and Family Court	208
ITT_740	Bournemouth, Weymouth & Dorchester	Bournemouth Combined Court  Weymouth Combined Court	221
ITT_741	Bradford, Skipton	Bradford Combined Court Centre Skipton County Court and Family Court	202
ITT_742	Brentford	Brentford County Court and Family Court	327
ITT_743	Brighton	Brighton County Court and Family Court	295
ITT_744	Bromley AHV - Bexley Magistrates' Court	Bromley County Court (heard at Bexley Magistrates' Court)	2030

ITT_745	Burnley	Burnley Combined Court Centre	243
ITT_830	Bury	Bury St Edmunds Court	28
ITT_746	Caernarfon	Caernarfon Justice Centre	65
ITT_747	Cambridge	Cambridge County Court and Family Court	180
ITT_748	Canterbury	Canterbury Combined Court Centre	212
ITT_749	Cardiff	Cardiff Civil and Family Justice Centre	189
ITT_750	Carmarthen, Haverfordwest, Llanelli	Carmarthen County Court and Family Court	102
_	Lianom	Haverfordwest County Court and Family Court	
		Llanelli County Court	
ITT_751	Central London	Central London County Court	600
ITT_752	Cheltenham, Gloucester	Gloucester and Cheltenham County and Family Court	358
ITT_753	Chester	Chester Civil and Family Justice Centre	170
ITT_754	Chesterfield	Chesterfield Justice Centre	117
ITT_755	Coventry	Coventry Combined Court Centre	245
ITT_756	Crewe	Crewe County Court and Family Court	101
ITT_757	Croydon	Croydon County Court and Family Court	1042

ITT_758	Darlington	Darlington County Court and Family Court	355
ITT_759	Dartford	Dartford County Court and Family Court	399
ITT_760	Derby	Derby Combined Court Centre	637
ITT_761	Dewsbury, Huddersfield	•	
ITT_762	Doncaster	Doncaster Justice Centre North	212
ITT_763	Dudley	Dudley County Court and Family Court	546
ITT_764	Durham	Durham County Court and Family Court	485
ITT_765	Edmonton	Edmonton County Court and Family Court	806
ITT_766	Gateshead	Gateshead County Court and Family Court	334
ITT_767	Grimsby	Great Grimsby Combined Court Centre	379
ITT_768 Hammersmith and Fulham		Wandsworth County Court and Family Court	384
ITT_769	Hastings, Lewes	Hastings County Court and Family Court	126
		Lewes Combined Court Centre	
ITT_770	Hertford, Watford	Hertford County Court and Family Court	546
		Watford County Court and Family Court	
ITT_771	High Wycombe	High Wycombe County Court and Family Court	126
ITT_772	Horsham, Worthing	Horsham County Court and Family Court	242

		Worthing County Court and Family Court	
ITT_773	Hull	Kingston-upon-Hull Combined Court Centre	295
ITT_774	Islington	Clerkenwell and Shoreditch County Court and Family Court	908
ITT_775	Kidderminster, Redditch, Worcester  Kidderminster, Family Court  Worcester Combined Court		316
ITT_776	Kingston	Kingston-upon-Thames County Court	191
ITT_777	Lancaster	Lancaster Magistrates Court	95
ITT_778	Leeds	Leeds Combined Court Centre	969
ITT_779	Leicester	Leicester County Court and Family Court	405
ITT_780	Liverpool	Liverpool Civil and Family Court	1374
ITT_781	Luton	Luton County Court and Family Court	143
ITT_782	Maidstone, Medway	Maidstone Combined Court Centre	440
		Medway County Court and Family Court	
ITT_783	Manchester	Manchester County Court and Family Hearing Centre	791
ITT_784	Mansfield	Mansfield Magistrates' and County Court	325
ITT_785	Merthyr Tydfil, Pontypridd	Merthyr Tydfil Combined Court Centre  Pontypridd County Court and Family Court	80
ITT_786	Milton Keynes	Milton Keynes County Court and Family Court	377

	Mold, Rhyl, Wrexham	Mold County Court and Family Court	134
ITT_787		Prestatyn Justice Centre	
		Wrexham County and Family Court	
	Neath & Port		210
ITT_788	raibot, ewansea	Swansea Civil Justice Centre	
ITT_789	Newcastle (inc the AHV at Berwick upon Tweed and Bedlington courts)	Newcastle Civil & Family Courts and Tribunals Centre	1131
ITT_832	Newham	Stratford County Court	733
ITT_790	North Shields	North Shields County Court and Family Court	535
ITT_791	Northampton	Northampton Crown, County and Family Court	485
ITT_792	Norwich, Kings Lynn, Great Yarmouth	Norwich Combined Court Centre	403
ITT_793	Nottingham	Nottingham County Court and Family Court	949
ITT_794	Oxford	Oxford Combined Court Centre	152
ITT_795	Peterborough	Peterborough Combined Court Centre	284
ITT_796	Plymouth	Plymouth Combined Court	204
ITT_797	Portsmouth	Portsmouth Combined Court Centre	327
ITT_798	Reading	Reading County Court and Family Court	725
ITT_799	Romford	Romford County Court and Family Court	912
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Rugby, ITT_800 Rugby		Nuneaton County Court	1031
		Warwick Combined Court	
ITT_801	Salisbury, Swindon	Salisbury Law Courts	232
	Swiridon	Swindon Combined Court	
	Scarborough,	Harrogate Justice Centre	148
ITT_802	York, Harrogate	Scarborough Justice Centre	
		York County Court and Family Court	
ITT_803	Sheffield	Sheffield Combined Court Centre	698
ITT_804	Slough	Slough County Court and Family Court	122
ITT_805	South Shields	South Shields County Court and Family Court	355
ITT_806	Southampton	Southampton Combined Court Centre	249
ITT_807	Southend	Southend County Court and Family Court	158
ITT_808	Southwark	Clerkenwell and Shoreditch County Court and Family Court	887
ITT_809	St Helens	St Helens County Court and Family Court	819
ITT_810	Stafford	Stafford Combined Court Centre	228
ITT_811	Stockport	Stockport Magistrates' and County Court	251
ITT_812	Stoke On Trent	Stoke-on-Trent Combined Court	340
ITT_813	Sunderland	Sunderland County, Family, Magistrates' and Tribunal Hearings	100

ITT_814	Taunton, Yeovil	Taunton Crown, County and Family Court  Yeovil County, Family and Magistrates' Court	75
ITT_815	Teesside	Teesside Combined Court Centre	550
ITT_816	Telford	Telford County Court and Family Court	65
ITT_817	Thanet	Thanet County Court and Family Court	80
ITT_818	Uxbridge	Uxbridge County Court and Family Court	267
ITT_819	Wakefield	Wakefield Civil and Family Justice Centre	379
ITT_820	Walsall	Walsall County and Family Court	379
ITT_821	Wandsworth	Wandsworth County Court and Family Court	605
ITT_822	Weston Super Mare	Weston-Super-Mare County Court and Family Court	119
ITT_823	Whitehaven	West Cumbria Courthouse	74
ITT_824	Wigan	Wigan County Court and Family Court	319
ITT_825	Willesden	Willesden County Court and Family Court	639
ITT_826	Winchester	Winchester Combined Court Centre	379
ITT_827	Wolverhampton	Wolverhampton Combined Court Centre	672

# ANNEX B: CORRESPONDING AND NEIGHBOURING HOUSING AND DEBT PROCUREMENT AREAS

ITT No.	HLPAS area	Corresponding LAA Housing and Debt Procurement Area	Local Authorities included in the Procurement Area	Neighbouring Housing and Debt Procurement Areas
ITT_718	Aberystwyth	Central Wales	Ceredigion County Council Powys County Council	North West Wales  North East Wales  Shropshire  Herefordshire & Worcestershire South East Wales  Rhondda Cynon Taff & Merthyr Tydfil  Neath Port Talbot and Swansea, South West Wales
ITT_720	Aldershot, Basingstoke	Hampshire	Hampshire County Council	Berkshire Surrey West Sussex Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight, Southampton Dorset

				Wiltshire
ITT_721	Barnet	Barnet	Barnet London Borough Council	South Hertfordshire  Enfield  Haringey  Camden  Brent  Harrow
ITT_728	Barnsley	Barnsley	Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council	Wakefield Doncaster Rotherham Sheffield North Derbyshire Kirklees
ITT_729	Barnstaple, Torquay & Newton Abbott	Devon	Devon County Council  North Devon Council  Torbay Council	Cornwall City of Plymouth Somerset Dorset

ITT_730	Barrow in Furness, Carlisle	Cumbria	Cumbria County Council  Barrow-In-Furness Borough Council	Northumberland  Durham  North Yorkshire  West Lancashire
ITT_731	Basildon	West Essex	Essex County Council Basildon Borough Council Thurrock Council Harlow Council Epping Forest District Council Brentwood Borough Council Castle Point Borough Council Uttlesford District Council Chelmsford City Council	East Essex Suffolk Cambridgeshire North Hertfordshire South Hertfordshire Enfield Waltham Forest Redbridge Havering Bexley North Kent and Medway

ITT_732	Bath, Bristol	Somerset  City of Bristol, South Gloucestershire and North Somerset	Somerset County Council Bristol City Council South Gloucestershire Council North Somerset	Devon  City of Bristol  South Gloucestershire and North Somerset  Bridgend, Cardiff and the Vale South East Wales Gloucestershire  Wiltshire
			Council  Bath and North East  Somerset Council	Dorset
ITT_733	Bedford	Bedfordshire	Bedford Borough Council Central	Northamptonshire Cambridgeshire  North Hertfordshire  South Hertfordshire Buckinghamshire
ITT_734	Birkenhead	Wirral	The Wirral Borough Council	Liverpool Cheshire Sefton North East Wales
ITT_735	Birmingham	Birmingham	Birmingham City Council	Warwickshire Solihull Herefordshire & Worcestershire Dudley

ITT_736	Blackpool, Preston	West Lancashire  South East Wales	Lancashire County Council  Blackpool Council  Fylde Council  Lancaster City Council  Preston City Council  South Ribble Borough Council  Chorley Borough Council  West Lancashire Borough Council  Wyre Council	Sandwell Staffordshire Walsall East Lancashire Wigan Cumbria North Yorkshire Sefton St. Helens Knowsley  Herefordshire & Worcestershire
ITT_737	Blackwood, Newport (Gwent)	South East Wales	Caerphilly County Borough Council	Gloucestershire City of Bristol, South Gloucestershire and North Somerset

			Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council Torfaen County Borough Council Monmouthshire County Council Newport City Council	Bridgend, Cardiff and the Vale  Rhondda Cynon Taff & Merthyr Tydfil  Central Wales
ITT_738	Bodmin, Truro	Cornwall	Cornwall Council	Devon City of Plymouth
ITT_739	Boston, Lincoln	Lincolnshire Boston	Boston Borough Council Lincolnshire County Council	North East Lincolnshire & North Lincolnshire  Cambridgeshire  Norfolk  North Nottinghamshire  Leicestershire & Rutland
ITT_740	Bournemouth, Weymouth & Dorchester	Bournemouth & Poole Dorset	Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council  Dorset Council	Hampshire  Dorset  Bournemouth &Poole  Devon

Stockton-on-Tees Cumbria
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ITT_742	Brentford	Hounslow	Hounslow London Borough Council	Hillingdon Ealing Hammersmith and Fulham Kingston upon Thames & Richmond upon Thames Surrey
ITT_743	Brighton	The City of Brighton and Hove	Brighton & Hove City Council	West Sussex East Sussex Surrey
ITT_744	Bromley	Bromley	Bromley London Borough Council	Surrey Croydon Lambeth Southwark Lewisham Greenwich Bexley Mid and South West Kent
ITT_745	Burnley	East Lancashire	Lancashire County Council	West Lancashire

			Ribble Valley Borough Council  Blackburn with Darwen Council  Hyndburn Borough Council  Rossendale Borough Council  Burnley Borough Council  Pendle Borough Council	North Yorkshire  Bradford  Calderdale  Rochdale  Bury  Bolton
ITT_830	Bury St Edmunds	Suffolk	West Suffolk Council	Norfolk  East Essex  West Essex  Cambridgeshire
ITT_746	Caernarfon	North West Wales	Isle of Anglesey County Council Gwynedd Council Conwy County Borough Council	North East Wales Central Wales

ITT_747	Cambridge	Cambridgeshire	Cambridgeshire County Council	Suffolk Norfolk Lincolnshire Northamptonshire Bedfordshire North Hertfordshire West Essex
ITT_748	Canterbury	The Kent Coast	Kent County Council Canterbury City Council Dover District Council Folkestone & Hythe District Council Shepway District Council Thanet District Council	North Kent and Medway  Mid and South West Kent  East Sussex
ITT_749	Cardiff	Bridgend, Cardiff and the Vale	Bridgend County Borough Council City of Cardiff Council	Neath Port Talbot and Swansea Rhondda Cynon Taff & Merthyr Tydfil South east Wales

			Vale Of Glamorgan Council	
ITT_750	Carmarthen, Haverfordwest, Llanelli	South West Wales	Pembrokeshire County Council Carmarthenshire County Council	Neath Port Talbot and Swansea Central Wales
ITT_751	Central London	City of Westminster	Westminster City Council	Camden  Hackney & City of London Lambeth  Wandsworth  Kensington and Chelsea  Brent
ITT_752	Cheltenham, Gloucester	Gloucestershire	Gloucestershire County Council	Herefordshire & Worcestershire Warwickshire Oxfordshire Wiltshire City of Bristol, South Gloucestershire and North Somerset South East Wales
ITT_753	Chester	Cheshire	Halton Borough Council	Stockport  North Derbyshire

			Cheshire West and Chester Council	Staffordshire Shropshire North East Wales Wirral Liverpool Warrington & Halton Trafford Manchester
ITT_754	Chesterfield	North Derbyshire	Bolsover District Council Chesterfield Borough Council Derbyshire Dales District Council High Peak Borough Council North East Derbyshire District Council	Barnsley Sheffield Rotherham North Nottinghamshire South Derbyshire Staffordshire Cheshire Stockport Tameside Oldham

				Kirklees
ITT_755	Coventry	Coventry	Coventry City Council	Solihull
				Warwickshire
ITT_756	Crewe	Cheshire	Halton Borough	Stockport
			Cheshire East Council	North Derbyshire
				Staffordshire
				Shropshire
				North East Wales
				Wirral
				Liverpool
				Warrington & Halton
				Trafford
				Manchester
ITT_757	Croydon	Croydon	Croydon London	Merton & Sutton
			Borough Council	Lambeth
				Bromley
ITT_758	Darlington	Darlington	Darlington Borough Council	North Yorkshire
			Courien	Durham

ITT_759	Dartford	North Kent and Medway	Medway Council  Dartford Borough Council  Gravesham Borough Council  Swale Borough Council	Stockton-on-Tees  The Kent Coast  Mid and South West Kent  Bexley  West Essex  East Essex
ITT_760	Derby	City of Derby	Derby City Council	South Derbyshire
ITT_761	Dewsbury, Huddersfield	Kirklees	Kirklees Council	Calderdale Bradford Leeds Wakefield Barnsley North Derbyshire Oldham
ITT_762	Doncaster	Doncaster	Doncaster Council	Barnsley Wakefield

ITT_763	Dudley	Dudley	Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council	East Riding of Yorkshire  North East Lincolnshire & North Lincolnshire  North Nottinghamshire Rotherham  Staffordshire  City of Wolverhampton  Sandwell  Birmingham  Herefordshire & Worcestershire
ITT_764	Durham	Durham	Durham County Council  Hartlepool Borough Council  Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	Northumberland Gateshead Sunderland Hartlepool Stockton-on-Tees Darlington North Yorkshire Cumbria
ITT_765	Edmonton	Enfield	Enfield Council	South Hertfordshire West Essex

ITT_766	Gateshead	Gateshead	Gateshead Council	Waltham Forest Haringey Barnet Northumberland Newcastle upon Tyne South Tyneside Sunderland Durham
ITT_767	Grimsby	North East Lincolnshire & North Lincolnshire	North East Lincolnshire Council North Lincolnshire Council	East Riding of Yorkshire  North Nottinghamshire  Doncaster
ITT_768	Hammersmith and Fulham	Hammersmith and Fulham	Hammersmith and Fulham Council	Wandsworth  Kingston Upon Thames & Richmond Upon Thames Hounslow  Ealing  Brent  Kensington and Chelsea

ITT_769	Hastings, Lewes	East Sussex	East Sussex County Council	Mid and South West Kent The Kent Coast Brighton West Sussex Surrey
ITT_770	Hertford, Watford	North Hertfordshire  South Hertfordshire	North Hertfordshire District Council  Borough of Broxbourne Council  Dacorum Borough Council  Hertsmere Borough Council  Three Rivers District Council  Watford Borough Council  St Albans City and District Council	Cambridgeshire  West Essex  South Hertfordshire  Bedfordshire North Hertfordshire  West Essex  Enfield  Barnet  Harrow  Hillingdon  Buckinghamshire  Bedfordshire
ITT_771	High Wycombe	Buckinghamshire	Buckinghamshire Council	Northamptonshire  Bedfordshire

				South Hertfordshire Hillingdon Berkshire Oxfordshire
ITT_772	Horsham, Worthing	West Sussex	West Sussex County Council	Surrey East Sussex Brighton Hampshire
ITT_773	Hull	City of Kingston upon Hull	Hull City Council	East Riding of Yorkshire  North East Lincolnshire and North Lincolnshire
ITT_774	Islington	Islington	Islington London Borough Council	Haringey Hackney & City of London Camden
ITT_775	Kidderminster, Redditch, Worcester	Herefordshire & Worcestershire	Herefordshire Council Worcestershire County Council	Shropshire Staffordshire Dudley Birmingham Solihull

				Warwickshire Gloucestershire South East Wales Central Wales
ITT_776	Kingston	Kingston upon Thames & Richmond upon Thames	Kingston upon Thames London Borough Council  London Borough of Richmond upon Thames	Hounslow Hammersmith and Fulham Wandsworth Merton & Sutton Surrey
ITT_777	Lancaster	West Lancashire	West Lancashire Borough Council	East Lancashire Wigan St. Helens Knowsley Sefton
ITT_778	Leeds	Leeds	Leeds City Council	North Yorkshire  Wakefield  Kirklees  Calderdale

				Bradford
ITT_779	Leicester	City of Leicester	Leicestershire County Council Leicester City Council	Leicestershire & Rutland
ITT_780	Liverpool	Liverpool	Liverpool City Council	Sefton, Knowsley Cheshire Wirral
ITT_781	Luton	Bedfordshire	Bedford Borough Council Central Bedfordshire Council Luton Borough Council	Northamptonshire  Cambridgeshire  North Hertfordshire  South Hertfordshire Buckinghamshire
ITT_782	Maidstone, Medway	Mid and South West Kent North Kent and Medway	Kent County Council Ashford Borough Council Maidstone Borough Council Sevenoaks District Council	West Essex East Essex The Kent Coast East Sussex Surrey Bromley Bexley

			Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council  Tunbridge Wells Borough Council  Medway Council  Dartford Borough Council	The Kent Coast  Mid and South West Kent
			Gravesham Borough Council Swale Borough Council	
ITT_783	Manchester	Manchester	Manchester City Council	Bury Rochdale Oldham Tameside Stockport Cheshire Trafford Salford

ITT_784	Mansfield	North Nottinghamshire	Ashfield District Council  Bassetlaw District Council  Mansfield District Council  Newark & Sherwood District Council	North East Lincolnshire & North Lincolnshire Lincolnshire Leicestershire & Rutland Greater Nottingham South Derbyshire North Derbyshire Rotherham Doncaster
ITT_785	Merthyr Tydfil, Pontypridd	Rhondda Cynon Taff & Merthyr Tydfil	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council	Neath Port Talbot and Swansea Bridgend, Cardiff and the Vale Central Wales South East Wales
ITT_786	Milton Keynes	Buckinghamshire	Buckinghamshire County Council Milton Keynes City Council	Northamptonshire  Bedford  shire  South Hertfordshire

ITT_787	Mold, Rhyl, Wrexham	North East Wales	Denbighshire County Council Flintshire County Council Wrexham County Borough Council	Hillingdon Berkshire Oxfordshire Wirral Cheshire Shropshire Central Wales North West Wales
ITT_788	Neath & Port Talbot, Swansea	Neath Port Talbot and Swansea	Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council Swansea Council	South West Wales Central Wales Rhondda Cynon Taff & Merthyr Tydfil Bridgend, Cardiff and the Vale
ITT_789	Newcastle (inc the AHV at Berwick upon Tweed and Bedlington courts)	Newcastle upon Tyne	Newcastle City Council	North Tyneside South Tyneside Gateshead Northumberland

ltt_832	Newham	Newham	Newham London Borough Council	Barking and Dagenham  Redbridge  Greenwich  Tower Hamlets  Hackney & City of London  Waltham Forest
ITT_790	North Shields	North Tyneside	North Tyneside Council	South Tyneside  Northumberland  Newcastle upon Tyne
ITT_791	Northampton	Northamptonshire	Northamptonshire County Council  North Northamptonshire Council  West Northamptonshire Council	Leicestershire & Rutland Cambridgeshire  Bedfordshire  Buckinghamshire  Oxfordshire  Warwickshire
ITT_792	Norwich, Kings Lynn, Great Yarmouth	Norfolk	Norfolk County Council	Suffolk Cambridgeshire

				Lincolnshire
ITT_793	Nottingham	Greater Nottingham	Nottingham City Council  Broxtowe Borough Council  Gedling Borough Council  Rushcliffe Borough Council	North Nottinghamshire Leicestershire & Rutland South Derbyshire
ITT_794	Oxford	Oxfordshire	Oxfordshire County Council	Northamptonshire Buckinghamshire  Berkshire  Wiltshire  Gloucestershire  Warwickshire
ITT_795	Peterborough	Cambridgeshire	Peterborough City Council Cambridgeshire County Council	Suffolk Norfolk Lincolnshire Northamptonshire Bedfordshire

				North Hertfordshire, West Essex
ITT_796	Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth City Council	Cornwall Devon
ITT_797	Portsmouth	Portsmouth and Isle of Wight	Portsmouth City Council Isle of Wight Council	Hampshire
ITT_798	Reading	Berkshire	West Berkshire Council, Reading Borough Council, Wokingham Borough Council, Bracknell Forest Council, Windsor and Maidenhead Borough Council,	Oxfordshire Buckinghamshire Hillingdon Surrey Hampshire Wiltshire
ITT_799	Romford	Havering	Havering London Borough Council	West Essex Bexley Barking and Dagenham Redbridge

ITT_800	Rugby, Nuneaton	Warwickshire	Warwickshire County Council	Northamptonshire  Oxfordshire  Gloucestershire  Herefordshire & Worcestershire Solihull  Coventry  Birmingham  Staffordshire  Leicestershire & Rutland
ITT_801	Salisbury, Swindon	Wiltshire	Wiltshire Council Swindon Borough Council	Gloucestershire Oxfordshire Berkshire Hampshire Dorset Somerset City of Bristol, South Gloucestershire and North Somerset
ITT_802	Scarborough, York, Harrogate	North Yorkshire	North Yorkshire County Council City of York Council	East Riding of Yorkshire  Doncaster

			Redcar & Cleveland Council Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	Wakefield Leeds Bradford East Lancashire West Lancashire Cumbria Durham Darlington Stockton-on-Tees, Middlesbrough Redcar and Cleveland
ITT_803	Sheffield	Sheffield	Sheffield City Council	Rotherham  North Derbyshire  Barnsley
ITT_804	Slough	Berkshire	Slough Borough Council Berkshire County Council	Oxfordshire Buckinghamshire Hillingdon Surrey Hampshire

				Wiltshire
ITT_805	South Shields	South Tyneside	South Tyneside Council	Sunderland Gateshead Newcastle upon Tyne North Tyneside
ITT_806	Southampton	Southampton	Southampton City Council	Hampshire
ITT_807	Southend	East Essex	Braintree District Council  Colchester Borough Council  Maldon District Council  Rochford District Council  Tendring District Council  Southend-on-Sea Borough Council	Suffolk West Essex North Kent and Medway
ITT_808	Southwark	Southwark	Southwark Council	Lambeth Hackney & City of London

				Tower Hamlets  Lewisham  Bromley  Croydon
ITT_809	St Helens	St. Helens	St Helens Borough Council	West Lancashire Wigan Warrington & Halton Knowsley
ITT_810	Stafford	Staffordshire	Staffordshire County Council	City of Stoke-on-Trent Cheshire North Derbyshire South Derbyshire Leicestershire and Rutland Warwickshire Birmingham Herefordshire and Worcestershire Walsall City of Wolverhampton Dudley

				Shropshire
ITT_811	Stockport	Stockport	Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council	Manchester Tameside North Derbyshire Cheshire Warrington and Halton Salford
ITT_812	Stoke on Trent	City of Stoke-on- Trent	Stoke-on-Trent City Council	Staffordshire
ITT_813	Sunderland	Sunderland	Sunderland City Council	Durham Gateshead South Tyneside
ITT_814	Taunton, Yeovil	Somerset	Somerset County Council	Devon  City of Bristol, South Gloucestershire and North Somerset  Wiltshire  Dorset
ITT_815	Teesside	Middlesbrough	Middlesbrough Council	Redcar and Cleveland

ITT_816	Telford	Telford	Telford and Wrekin Council	North Yorkshire Stockton-on-Tees  Cheshire Staffordshire Herefordshire and Worcestershire Central Wales North East Wales
ITT_817	Thanet	The Kent Coast	Kent County Council Canterbury City Council Dover District Council Folkestone & Hythe District Council Thanet District Council	North Kent and Medway  Mid and South West Kent  East Sussex
ITT_818	Uxbridge	Hillingdon	Hillingdon Council	South Hertfordshire Harrow Ealing

ITT_819	Wakefield	Wakefield	Wakefield	Hounslow Surrey Berkshire Buckinghamshire Leeds
			Metropolitan District Council	North Yorkshire  Doncaster  Barnsley  Kirklees
ITT_820	Walsall	Walsall	Walsall Council	Staffordshire Birmingham Sandwell City of Wolverhampton
ITT_821	Wandsworth	Wandsworth	Wandsworth Borough Council	City of Westminster  Kensington and Chelsea Hammersmith and Fulham Lambeth  Merton & Sutton

ITT_822	Weston Super Mare	City of Bristol, South Gloucestershire and North Somerset	Bristol City Council  South Gloucestershire Council  North Somerset Council  Bath and North East Somerset Council  Somerset County	Kingston upon Thames & Richmond upon Thames  South East Wales Gloucestershire  Wiltshire  Somerset
ITT_823	Whitehaven	Cumbria	Council  Cumbria County  Council	Northumberland Durham North Yorkshire West Lancashire
ITT_824	Wigan	Wigan	Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council	Bolton Salford Warrington & Halton St. Helens West Lancashire

				East Lancashire
ITT_825	Willesden	Brent	Brent London Borough Council	Harrow Barnet Camden City of Westminster Kensington and Chelsea Hammersmith and Fulham Ealing
ITT_826	Winchester	Hampshire	Hampshire County Council	Bournemouth & Poole  Dorset  Wiltshire  Southampton  Berkshire  Surrey  West Sussex  Portsmouth & Isle of Wight
ITT_827	Wolverhampton	City of Wolverhampton	City Of Wolverhampton Council	Staffordshire Sandwell

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## **ANNEX C: HLPAS ITT**

## Section A – Quality Award Criteria and Proximity Award Criterion

Note	Applicants wishing to bid for a HLPAS Contract must submit a response to each relevant HLPAS ITT. A	pplicants must			
	ensure that they also complete and submit a response to the SQ Response (ITT_ 714) and, where applicable, the Housing and Debt ITT (ITT_717)				
Note	Before submitting your HLPAS ITT Response, please carefully read the Procurement of the Housing Loss Prev	ention Advice Service			
	in England and Wales from August 2023 Housing Loss Prevention Advice Service Contract Work Information for	• •			
	be downloaded from the 'Buyer Attachments' section at the top of this page. This IFA gives information about the HLPAS Contract				
	Work stage of the procurement process, including how to complete a HLPAS ITT Response.				
	When completing your HLPAS ITT Response you should save your work regularly.				
	If you are logged onto the eTendering system but do not use it for 15 minutes, the eTendering system will notify you through a 'pop				
	up'. So that you can see this and click the 'Refresh' link in this 'pop up', please ensure that 'pop ups' are NOT blocked on your				
	browser so you are not disconnected from the eTendering system and do not lose any unsaved information.				
	Do not use the 'Back' or 'Forward' buttons on your browser; you could potentially lose your work. Please use the links on the				
	eTendering system to navigate.				
	Question	Response Type			
	Quality Award Criteria				
N.1	Please provide your Staff Organogram showing all staff that will be deployed to implement and deliver the	Attachment			
	Contract Work in the applicable HLPAS area which includes information about how the Applicant will staff the				
	HLPAS Contract Work in the applicable HLPAS area. Applicants should use their own templates. However,				
	the Staff Organogram must as a minimum show:				
	<ul> <li>all roles that will be used in delivering the HLPAS Contract Work, including the HLPAS Manager.</li> </ul>				
	This should include the title of the role and the main duties that will be performed; and				

1.i Skills and experience of	<ul> <li>inames of individual staff members fulfilling those roles (unless a vacant position), including whether they are currently employed, where there is a Signed Engagement Agreement and where they are employed as Agents; and</li> <li>the qualifications and experience of staff members fulfilling roles; and</li> <li>roles which are currently vacant; and</li> <li>whether staff members and/or roles are permanent or temporary. Where temporary, the Applicant should stipulate how long the position will last; and</li> <li>whether the staff member and/or role is full time or part time. Where part time, the Applicant should stipulate the proportion of an FTE the role comprises.</li> <li>Using the Named Individuals in your Staff Organogram in question N.1, please explain how the Caseworkers, Supervisor(s) and Authorised Litigator(s) have the skills and experience needed to provide specialist legal advice</li> </ul>	Text Box (x3)
staff delivering specialist legal advice in Housing and Debt Categories of Law	in Housing and Debt Categories of Law, to effectively deliver legal advice to Clients using the HLPAS.  The answer <b>MUST</b> include a description of the relevant breadth and depth of the skills and experience of Named Individuals who will be providing legal advice in Housing and Debt matters. Where the Applicant has current vacancies for posts which will deliver advice, the response must set out the skills and experience required.	
	Higher scores may be awarded if your response demonstrates that you have significant experience in delivering advice on possession matters and/or a high ratio of Caseworkers who also meet the requirements of a Supervisor in the Housing and Debt Categories of law.	
1.ii Skills and experience of staff delivering specialist legal advice- Ability to	To assess the ability of the Applicant to deliver Early Legal Advice, please set out your delivery plan to provide Early Legal Advice in accordance with 10.33 of the HLPAS Schedule to Clients.  The answer <b>MUST</b> include details of how you intend to deliver Early Legal Advice, including:	Text Box (x3)
provide Early Legal Advice	<ul> <li>how you will promote the service to Clients</li> <li>how Early Legal Advice will be delivered (both face to face and remotely) depending on client location and need</li> </ul>	

	<ul> <li>who will be delivering Early Legal Advice (for example how work will be delivered by Named Individuals, third-party organisations etc)</li> <li>Higher scores may be awarded if your response demonstrates that HLPAS Contract Work will be delivered by those with relevant skills and experience of the full extent of Early Legal Advice.</li> </ul>	
	Welsh HLPAS only	
1.iii Skills and experience of staff delivering specialist legal advice – Welsh Requirements	To assess the skills and experience of the Applicant and the Named Individuals that will be delivering HLPAS, and using the Named Individuals in your Staff Organogram in question N.1, please explain how the Caseworkers, Supervisor(s) and Authorised Litigator(s) have the relevant skills and experience to effectively deliver legal advice to Clients using the HLPAS in Wales  The answer MUST include details of how HLPAS Contract Work will be delivered by individuals with relevant knowledge of the devolved housing law landscape in Wales and how advice will be accessible to, and understandable by, Clients whose language of choice is Welsh in accordance with all relevant legislation.  Higher scores may be awarded if your response demonstrates how advice will be delivered by individuals with significant skills and experience of delivering specialist legal advice in Wales.	Text Box (x3)
1.2 Skills and experience of staff in delivering an In-Court Duty Scheme or a comparable service	Using the Named Individuals in your Staff Organogram in question N.1, please explain how the Caseworkers, Supervisors and Authorised Litigators have relevant skills and experience in delivering representation at court to cover the requirements of paragraph 10.54 of the Specification.  The answer MUST include a description of the skills and experience of Named Individuals in delivering and managing advice to Clients through an In-Court Duty Scheme or a comparable service. This includes identifying and advising potential Clients in an in-court environment and responding to the needs of those Clients and the Court. Where the Applicant has current vacancies for posts which will deliver advice, the response must set out	Text Box (x3)

	the skills and experience required. Applicants must also demonstrate how they will organise the delivery of services where Agents are used.  Higher scores may be awarded if your response demonstrates that the majority of Caseworkers and Supervisors have experience in delivering an In-Court Duty Scheme or a comparable service.	
1.3 Supervision of staff delivering HLPAS Contract Work	To assess the quality of the service being provided, please outline how you will ensure high quality supervision of Caseworkers and Agents deployed on the service to ensure the delivery of HLPAS Contract Work  The answer MUST include:  - Details of how supervision will take place for Contract Work delivered under Early Legal Advice and In-Court Duty Scheme work, including the file review process, setting out the frequency and Named Individual(s) undertaking the reviews.  - Where you have stated that you intend to use Agents or third parties, descriptions of how both directly employed Caseworkers and Agents will be supervised to ensure contract compliance in accordance with paragraph 2.5-2.7 of the Specification  Higher scores may be awarded if your response demonstrates how your approach to supervision has been successfully used by you in supervising an In-Court Duty Scheme or equivalent service in the past and/or	Text Box (x3)

		With reference to the relation of the Commence	
2.1 Res	esourcing	With reference to the roles in your Staff Organogram, given in answer to question N.1, please outline how the HLPAS will be fully resourced throughout the entire Contract Period (including any extension periods) including the measures that you will take to motivate and retain all staff.	Text Box (x3)
		The answer MUST include:	
		- evidence of a succession plan for the Supervisor(s)	
		<ul> <li>an outline of the approach to succession planning and replacement of outgoing staff deployed to the Scheme and the approach that you will take to motivate and retain staff</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>details of how you will ensure Caseworkers are available at each Court to deliver HLPAS Contract Work and/or can be allocated Early Legal Advice referrals to deliver HLPAS Contract Work to meet demand</li> </ul>	
		Higher scores may be awarded if your response demonstrates your process(es) to attract, select and appoint sufficiently skilled and experienced staff which are likely to lead to successful and timely recruitment and/or evidence that the succession planning processes that have been used successfully by you in the past.	
2.2. Mana of an service	agement effective	To assess the effectiveness of the Applicants plans to manage the Early Legal Advice service and ensure that all court listings where advisers are required are resourced, please outline how you will have the skills and experience necessary to manage the service and measure the effectiveness of the service.	Text Box (x3)
0011100		The answer MUST include:	
		<ul> <li>Where relevant, how referrals of Early Legal Advice will be managed and your plans for liaising with Courts and other relevant local links to ensure effective delivery of services to clients for HLPAS Contract Work</li> <li>Details about the processes that will be used to monitor service capacity and plan for changes in capacity including future Sessions, to allow you to forecast demand.</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>caseloads, including future Sessions, to allow you to forecast demand</li> <li>Details of the processes you will follow to adjust resources where there is an increase in demand, staff absences or deal with an unexpected additional Session or any emergency warrants at short notice where you are delivering the Contract Work.</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>The Named Individual(s) with responsibility for monitoring service capacity and forecasting future demand, engaging with Courts and resourcing the HLPAS Contract Work.</li> </ul>	

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	Higher scores may be awarded if your response demonstrates a flexible staffing approach including significant capacity to meet increases in demand, evidence of previous successful management of a similar service that required similar forecasting and resourcing activities and/or evidence of striving for continuous improvement of service delivery through the Contract Period.	
3.1. Sustainability of the service.	To assess that the Applicant has considered the factors that might affect the sustainability of the Contract, please explain what risks you have identified in managing the ongoing sustainability of the service and give a brief summary of any plans that might provide effective mitigation of these risks throughout the Contract Period.  The answer <b>MUST</b> include:	Text Box (x3)
	<ul> <li>Financial risk</li> <li>Resources and any increase of staff required to provide services</li> <li>Reduction in work</li> <li>Details of the Named Individual(s) with responsibility for the actions to ensure sustainability of the contract</li> </ul>	
	Higher scores may be awarded if your response indicates you have undertaken a thorough and detailed risk analysis and have devised potential contingency solutions that would ensure ongoing provision of the Contract Work.	
Note	The <u>Social Value Model</u> sets out government's social value priorities for procurement, it includes a 'menu' of social value options and provides detailed information relating to each policy outcome. This procurement process focuses on:	
	Theme 2: Tackling economic inequality: Policy Outcome: Create new businesses, new jobs and new skills	

4.1 Social Value Question	Please describe the commitment your organisation will make to ensure that opportunities under the contract deliver the Social Value Policy Outcome and Award Criteria, in creating new jobs and skills to increase capacity in the legal aid market.	Text Box (x3)
	Effective measures to deliver any/all of the following benefits through the contract:	
	• Create employment and training opportunities particularly for those who face barriers to employment and/or who are located in deprived areas, and for people in industries with known skills shortages or in high growth sectors	
	Support educational attainment relevant to the contract, including training schemes that address skills gaps and result in recognised qualifications	
	Your response should include the following:	
	• your 'Method Statement', stating how you will achieve this and how your commitment meets the Award Criteria, and	
	• a timed project plan and process, including how you will implement your commitment and by when. Also, how you will monitor, measure and report on your commitments/the impact of your proposals. You should include but not be limited to:	
	<ul> <li>timed action plan</li> <li>use of metrics</li> <li>tools/processes used to gather data</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>reporting</li> <li>feedback and improvement</li> <li>transparency</li> </ul>	
	Proximity Award Criterion	
5.1.i	Please enter the Office address, where known, (excluding postcode) from which you intend to deliver the HLPAS.	Free text

5.1.ii	If you intend to deliver this HLPAS from an Office from which you have also bid to deliver Housing and Debt Contract Work through this procurement process, and you do not yet know the address of the Office, please enter 'TBC'. Compliant verification information, including Office addresses must be provided by 23.59 on 1 May 2023.  Please enter the Office postcode for the Office from which you intend to deliver the HLPAS.  If you intend to deliver this HLPAS from an Office from which you have also bid to deliver Housing and Debt Contract Work through this procurement process, and you do not yet know the address of the Office, please enter 'TBC'. Compliant verification information, including Office addresses must be provided by 23:59 on 1	Free text
5.1.iii	May 2023  If the Applicant currently delivers legal aid contract work from the Office from which it intends to deliver the HLPAS please enter the LAA Account Number for this Office.  LAA Account Numbers are alphanumeric and are 6 characters long, e.g. 1A234B and can be found on the Applicant's current LAA Contract Schedule documentation.	Free text
5.2	Where you do not currently have a LAA Account Number for this Office please enter 'N/A'.  Is the Office from which you are bidding to deliver Contract Work in this HLPAS area located in a corresponding or neighbouring Housing & Debt Procurement Area (as set out in see Annex B of this IFA)?	Options list:  a. In the corresponding Housing and Debt Procurement Area – 5 points
		b. In the neighbouring Housing and Debt Procurement Area – 3 points

	c. In neither the
	corresponding or
	neighbouring
	Housing and Debt
	Procurement Area –
	0 points
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## **Section B – Verification information**

Note	Verification information	
	In accordance with paragraph 5.1 of the IFA, Applicants must submit compliant verification information with their ITT Response or by no later than 23.59 on 1 May 2023. This consists of a compliant:	
	<ul> <li>Supervisor Declaration Form for each Supervisor named in this Individual HLPAS Bid</li> <li>Authorised Litigator name and roll number</li> </ul>	
B.1.i	Does the Applicant wish to provide verification of their Supervisor with their HLPAS ITT?	Options list:
		Yes (please answer B.1.ii)
		No (please answer B.2.i)
B.1.ii	The Applicant must employ at least one FTE Supervisor that meets the requirements of the Contract and the Supervisor Standard in the Housing and Debt Categories of Law.	Attachment
	Please provide at least one compliant Supervisor Declaration Form for each Supervisor in the Housing & Debt Categories of Law.	

	Where an Applicant wishes to submit more than one Supervisor Declaration Form for one or more of its Individual HLPAS Bids, the completed Supervisor Declaration Forms must be merged into a single document and the single document uploaded as an attachment.	
	As set out at paragraph 2.26 of the Specification, a Supervisor may supervise at a maximum of two Offices or across two Providers with one Office each.	
	The Supervisor Declaration Form template is available to download from: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/standard-civil-contract-2018">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/standard-civil-contract-2018</a> .	
B.2.i	Does the Applicant wish to provide verification of their Authorised Litigator with their HLPAS ITT?	Options list: Yes (please answer B.2.ii) No
B.2.ii	The Applicant must employ an Authorised Litigator.  Please provide the Authorised Litigator's name and roll number.	Free Text

## **Section C - Warranties and Declaration**

By completing and submitting this HLPAS ITT Response the Applicant confirms that it will meet the following Minimum Requirements by the relevant latest date specified at paragraph 5.1 of the HLPAS Invitation To Tender Information For Applicants:

- i. Where applicable, must have successfully concluded the verification of their Face-to-Face Housing and Debt tender by 23:59 on 12
   February 2023; and
- ii. Must deliver HLPAS Contract Work in accordance with paragraphs 10.18 to 10.79 of the Specification; and
- iii. Have a Housing and Debt Supervisor who is actively engaged in supervising your delivery of the service; and
- iv. Employ an Authorised Litigator; and
- v. All individuals delivering HLPAS Contract Work must meet the definition of Caseworker as defined in paragraph 2.27 of the Specification; and

vi. Have a nominated individual to undertake the role of HLPAS Manager.

By completing and submitting this Tender I give my undertaking that I am authorised to make this submission on behalf of the Applicant and that the answers submitted in this Tender are correct. I understand that the information will be used in the process to assess the Applicant's suitability to be offered a HLPAS Schedule I understand that the LAA may conduct verification checks and may reject this Tender if there is a failure to answer all relevant questions fully or the information provided is inaccurate in any material way. I understand the LAA will verify my Tender and I will be required to evidence the information and warranties in the Applicant's Tender, by the latest deadlines specified by the LAA.

	Question	Response Type
C.1	Name of individual making declaration on behalf of the Applicant	Free Text Box
C.2	Status within the Applicant organisation	Free Text Box

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