



## **TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE Hull DUTY SCHEME**

### **Response to the Consultation with Hull Duty Scheme regarding the sustainability of maintaining a 24-hour police station rota.**

On 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024, the Legal Aid Agency issued a consultation regarding possible changes to the Hull Duty Scheme following concerns raised by Hull Police Station Duty Solicitor scheme members and stakeholders. The concern being the sustainability of maintaining a 12 Hour police station rota with one Duty Solicitor, due to an increase in the volume of arrests in the area.

The deadline for responses to the consultation was 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and the timetable for the consultation exercise indicated that following consideration of any responses, all affected parties would be notified of the outcome of the consultation no later than 8th March 2024. Therefore, this letter is intended as formal notification of the outcome of the consultation.

### **Summary of Responses**

A total of 10 responses to the consultation were received from 7 different Providers on the proposed changes to the Hull Police Station Duty Scheme.

All respondents are current members of the Hull Police Station Scheme. Therefore, all respondents would potentially be impacted directly by any changes arising from this consultation.

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to provide feedback on the proposal.

There is no decision that can meet the needs of all those that have fed back on the scheme changes and a decision has been made which provides the greatest fairness to all scheme members that could be affected by this change.

All 7 Providers on the Hull Police Station Duty Scheme provided a response to the Consultation.

All 7 Providers opted for **Option 1** (the rota to remain the same).

No alternative options were put forward by any of the respondents. Feedback was given regarding current issues with Clough Road Police Station. These have already been raised and discussed with Humberside Police by the LAA. With some changes already implemented.

## **Decision**

After careful consideration of the responses received, and the points raised within the same, the Legal Aid Agency have decided to proceed with Option 1, that the current rota remains the same with one Duty Solicitor allocated for every 12-hour period from 9am to 9pm and 9pm to 9am.

**This decision was reached based on all 7 Providers opting for this option.**

## **Next steps**

- New rotas will be issued to cover the period 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024, as per Option 1 above.

Yours faithfully,



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