

Procurement of Criminal Legal Aid Services in England and Wales from 1 October 2025:

Amendment Notice with effect from 16 October 2024

On 17 September 2024, the Legal Aid Agency ("LAA") published an invitation to tender for contracts to deliver criminal legal aid services from 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2035 under a 2025 Standard Crime Contract ("**2025 Crime Contract**").

Due to an administrative error, a reference to a 1:6 supervisor ratio for the Prison Law Category of Law appears in the declaration in the 2025 Standard Crime Contract Invitation To Tender ("**ITT**") in the eProcurement tool.

It is clear from the 2025 Crime Contract and the Application Guide (**AG**) there is no 1:6 ratio required for Prison Law. For the avoidance of doubt this sentence will be ignored in the LAA's assessment of the declaration forms. The wording without the additional line is set out at Annex B of the AG which can be found here: <u>ANNEX B ITT.pdf (publishing.service.gov.uk)</u>.

Requirements upon Applicants

No action is required by Applicants.