

Crime Contract Consultative Group (CCCG) meeting Tuesday 29 April 2025

Minutes

When	Tuesday 29 April 2025
Where	Via Teams
Chair	David Thomas
Minutes	Eloise Worrall
Present	Andrew Cosma - MMS Avrom Sherr – IALS Baljit Matharu - LS David Thomas – LAA Glyn Hardy – LAA Kate Pasfield – LAPG Laura Janes – GT Stuart Mark Newby - TLS Matt Doddridge – LAA Melissa Thompson – LAA Neil Lewis – LAA Nick Ford – LAA Nick Poulter – LAA
Apologies	Adrian Vincent – BC Arron Dolan – CBA Carol Storer – LAPG Chris Minnoch - LAPG Chandni Brown – CILEx Daniel Bonich – CLSA Edward Jones - LCCSA Elaine Annable - LAA Elliot Miller – LAA Fadi Daoud – LCCSA Gerwyn Wise – GCLAW Helen Johnson - LAPG

	Henry Hills – SAHCA James MacMillan – MoJ Jerome Lucey – LAA Jill Waring – LAA Kath Burdett - LAA Kathryn Grainger – LAA Martin Secrett – BC Rakesh Bhasin – LAPG Rebecca Booth – LAA Richard Miller – TLS Richard Owen – TLS A2J Cttee Sean Wardale - LAA Stuart Nolan – TLS Tony Ayton - LAA Will Hayden – LAA
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D Thomas welcomed attendees to the meeting

1. Introductions, minutes, and actions from previous meeting

Minutes and actions were agreed from the last meeting.

2. Operational update - Nick Poulter

Nick provided an update on operational performance, highlighting a 25% increase in application intakes over the past year.

Concerns about the impact of bank holidays on processing capacity were discussed, with Nick confirming that the team managed to clear the highest single-day intake within two days. Claims processing times were shared, with most grad fee processing taking between 3-5 days.

The reintroduction of full assessments on prison law cases was mentioned, with a meeting scheduled to discuss this further

Dr. LJ asked about the volume of CRM escape fee prison law claims since the 1st of April and the proportion of claims upheld versus rejected following the introduction of assessments.

AC inquired about the assessment of claims when trials are fixed but do not go ahead, suggesting an update to the Crown Court fee guidance to clarify this issue.

Dr. LJ requested data on the rejection rates of prison law escape cases before and after the change in assessment processes.

KP asked if the operational update information could be shared with providers, particularly the reasons for rejections and other useful data.

Dr. LJ requested data on the volume and rejection rates of CRM escape fee prison law claims since the 1st of April. NP agreed to provide this data for the upcoming meeting on Thursday. 8910

AC raised concerns about the assessment of claims when trials are fixed but do not go ahead. He suggested updating the Crown Court fee guidance to clarify this issue. NP and NL agreed to work on this and circulate the updated guidance for comment

APAPRIL01 - NP to provide data on the volume and rejection rates of CRM escape fee prison law claims since the 1st of April for the meeting on Thursday

APAPRIL02 - NP and NL to work on updating the Crown Court fee guidance and circulate it for comments

3. Meeting Frequency - David Thomas

The group discussed whether to move to quarterly meetings. It was decided to maintain the current bimonthly schedule for the next 12 months and revisit the frequency in early 2026

4. Rep body ongoing topics and queries

AC inquired about the status of fee revisions, particularly for the LGF scheme. NL suggested getting an update from policy colleagues and sending it out after the meeting.

Kate asked if the operational update information could be shared with providers. NP explained the challenges with sharing certain data but agreed to look into which parts could be shared

APAPRIL03 - Neil to get an update from policy colleagues on the status of fee revisions and send it out after the meeting

APAPRIL04 - NP to look into which parts of the operational update information can be shared with providers

5. AOB

No other business was raised.

The next meeting is Tuesday 3 June 2025