

Legal aid roadshows 2016

Overview

The LAA has announced that the tender for new criminal legal aid contracts is now open. In these roadshows, Richard Miller, head of justice at the Law Society will explain the tender process, and will highlight changes to the contract that will come into effect from next April.

These roadshows are recommended for anyone who wishes to start or continue providing criminal legal aid services from April 2017 to:

- gain a better understanding of the tender process and what the Legal Aid Agency is looking for in your answers
- ask questions as to how the process will work
- find out about changes in the contract terms that may affect what you need to do

Richard Miller, head of justice, The Law Society

Richard Miller qualified as a solicitor in 1992, and worked for eight years in a small high street legal aid firm in Kent. In 2000, he became the first full time director of the Legal Aid Practitioners Group, where he was responsible for preparing the Group's policy responses to a whole host of government consultations on changes to the legal aid system. In August 2007, he became head of legal aid at the Law Society, where since 2010 he has led the work against Part one of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Bill, and has headed up the Society's Access to Justice Campaign. He has also been engaged for the third time in 10 years in the battle against the Government's attempt to introduce competitive tendering for criminal defence services.

Dates and locations

Date	Location	Timings
18 August 2016	Manchester	Registration from 17:00, presentation from 17:30 to 19:30
19 August 2016	Birmingham	Registration from 17:00, presentation from 17:30 to 19:30
23 August 2016	Cambridge	Registration from 17:00, presentation from 17:30 to 19:30
24 August 2016	Exeter	Registration from 17:00, presentation from 17:30 to 19:30
25 August 2016	Southampton	Registration from 17:00, presentation from 17:30 to 19:30

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