

Discussion Paper for Crime and Civil Consultative Groups

Introduction

This paper proposes changes to the arrangements for communications between the LSC and professional bodies.

The changes are needed to:

- Improve the effectiveness of our current arrangements
- Reflect the reduction in staffing that the LSC needs to make to achieve its budget requirements

Proposals

1. That Regional Duty Solicitor Committees cease to exist and the appellant role be transferred to a national structure
2. That existing crime and civil Consultative Groups should continue to exist and the LSC should review whether other professional bodies should attend. Other LSC attendees should include Case Management and Contract Management.
3. Civil Consultative Group sub group meetings should cease to exist
4. Provider Reference Groups should be held twice a year and membership should be promoted to the wider provider base
5. Annual conferences in London, North and Midlands should be established for any provider that takes over £2M a year from legal aid
6. The Welsh engagement with non-political stakeholders (including providers and clients) is being considered by MOJ

Feedback

Feedback from members is invited

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