

**Minutes of Meeting of Legal Aid Special Interest Group Committee held on
Tuesday 30th November 2021 at 8pm**

Present: Bob Baker
Paul Seddon
Rachel Perkins
Charlotte Flanders
Steve Jepson

1. High Costs Family PET Update

CF gave an update and advised the next meeting was 16 December at 5pm.

Discussion then took place regarding KPI rejects and whether this should be raised at the SPG. Also discussed the new Legal Help and other paper forms. Queries were raised whether there was a transitional period and whether using an old form invalidated the retainer. Discussed whether this should be raised with SPG. **[AP1]**.

2. SPG/CCCG

BB confirmed that he was struggling to continue attending these. Dates were given for next years meetings and committee members are to confirm whether they can attend these in BB's place **[AP2]**.

3. Committee Election

BB raised that this was due again shortly after Christmas and would email DP to action this. **[AP3]**

4. Response to LAA consultation

All agreed this was a good read. It was agreed that the LAA should be requested to record data for the next 12 months regarding the reduction rates of Court bills assessed by the LAA (until the next consultation), ie November 21 to November 22, and then the 12 months thereafter, ie November 22 to November 23. The information requested should include the number of claims reduced, by how much and why. Also, whether the LAA can record by how much the Court is reducing claims which are still assessed by them. However, it was appreciated that this last request may be more difficult. **[AP4]**.

5. Seminar

PS gave update on success of ACL National Seminar. It was agreed that an in-person seminar was not possible at this stage. Discussion regarding whether an ACL LAG online seminar was possible. It was agreed this was would not be before the next committee election, but may be possible in the autumn.

6. AOB

CF asked if the ACL had responded to the CLSB's consultation. BB agreed to ask CG **[AP5]**.

Next meeting – TBC

AP1	KPI rejects/new paper forms raised with SPG	Attendee
AP2	CCCG/SPG attendees	All members
AP3	Committee election process	BB
AP4	Request for information from LAA regarding assessment of costs which would previously have been assessed by the Court	SPG attendee
AP5	ACL response to CLSB consultation	BB