

**Minutes of Meeting of Legal Aid Special Interest Group Committee held on
Thursday 19 February 2026 at 8pm**

Present: Clint Nicholls
Paul Seddon
Rachel Perkins
Nicola Ife
Tracey Jack
Carol Calver (ACL head of operations)

Apologies: Ann Henderson

1. Seminar

CC stated that London had been the top choice following the survey conducted among the members, with Birmingham being the second choice. RP stated that she would have been happy to put two options, but the survey only allowed one vote. CC took this on board.

Date of Monday 15 June has been agreed. CC to make enquiries about a venue in London or, failing that, Birmingham. **[AP1]**

RP advised CC of AH's email with a list of potential speakers. Request to be made to AH to approach potential speakers. **[AP1]**

Post meeting note – CN requested a short session to speak about the ACL apprenticeship scheme.

TJ raised potential issues for the LAA to cover which had should have been covered in last year's (cancelled) seminar.

2. Legal Aid /CCMS

RP mentioned that the quarterly billing meeting is due Friday 27 February. RP request CC to circulate the "usual" email requesting issues from the membership to be raised with the LAA. **[AP2]**

CN advised that the CCCG meeting is diarised for Thursday 26 February.

CN had suggested that a request be put to the LAA to be involved as a whole regarding the LAA's Research Panel and it was agreed that this was a good idea and should be raised at the meeting on the 27 February. **[AP3]**

Date of next meeting – TBC

AP1	Venue/speakers for 2026 seminar	CC/AH
AP2	Email requesting issues to be raised at LAA billing meeting	CC
AP3	Committee to join LAA research panel	CN