

Dear Legal Aid Group Member

As of the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019, the LAA are set to change their approach to CCFS Single Counsel interim case plans with a net value of £32,500.00 or less. From the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019, the requirement for an interim case plan prior to the agreement of the contract will not be required. The change is retrospective and will apply to cases registered pre 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019 where interim case plans have not been submitted to the LAA.

The proposed change will speed up the time and simplify the process for contracts to be put in place for CCFS plans with a value of less than £32,500.00.

It is intended that a generic VHCC contract and counsel's acceptance form will be available to download from the LAA's website, be populated with the case details and uploaded to the case plan thread activated on CCMS by the LAA upon the case being registered as VHCC.

Guidance and materials are due to be released on the LAA's website imminently.

Kind regards

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