

Dear Legal Aid Group Member

The LAA has recently settled on-going litigation with the National Centre for Domestic Violence (NCDV) and has published a position statement about undertaking work with NCDV which can be found on the Civil Legal Aid guidance page of the LAA website, or also [here](#)

Of particular note, is that they will not pay providers for the £178.50 plus VAT fee charged by the NCDV to produce a bundle of documents including the witness statement and draft order. This is because the LAA say that NCDV is not acting as the provider's agent in producing the bundle.

Also, the statement reminds providers that under the contract, they are prohibited from paying referral fees.

Thank you for your support once again during 2018. Steve and I along with your committee members Paul Seddon, Rachel Perkins, Fran Rigo and Saloud Zaman take this opportunity to wish you all the compliments of the season.

May we also take this moment to remind you to pop into your diaries, if not already there, the seminar dates for 2019 – **London 11 March** and **Birmingham 16 September**. We are lining up some interesting speakers and topics in our ever-changing world of costs.

Have a good break over the long shut down and we look forward to seeing you in 2019.

Kind regards

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