

Dear ACL Legal Aid Group member

We have received the email below from the LAA and pass it on for your attention.

Dear all

We have published today an updated version of the guidance. The link can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/expert-witnesses-in-legal-aid-cases>

The changes include:

- 1. Setting out recommended additional hours where there are additional parties to be assessed by an expert for a psychological or psychiatric assessment*
- 2. All parties covered by a prior authority granted to the lead solicitor*
- 3. Inclusion of cases of physical and domestic abuse in the risk assessment provisions*
- 4. Setting out that where a court order lists all the documents required to be translated documents there is no need to apply for prior authority*
- 5. New guideline rates in annex 5 for some experts*

Kind regards
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