

Dear Legal Aid Group Member

Further to my update on 21st December 2021, we have received further information from the Rob Damiao at the LAA regarding the deadline to submit final claims on paper certificate cases where a 100% POA was claimed under contingency measures:

For outstanding cases, over the next few months, we're going to start contacting firms in order of their outstanding liability under the scheme with a list of cases that need billing. We will set a deadline for the bills to come within a few weeks of our notice being sent out. We will consider if extensions are required and with work from home being advised again, we do realise that providers may not again be able to collate the full papers. Where that is the case, where it is explained to us, we will be flexible. The external comms advised by end of January, but the reality is that with the situation now fast changing and varying across regions too, it is unlikely that we will take any enforcement upon that deadline. We would, however, recommend any firm with outstanding POAs under the now closed contingency process start to consider how these claims can be balanced off at their earliest convenience. Our guidance on submitting paper claims is available here: [Electronic submissions of paper bills: Quick Guide \(justice.gov.uk\)](#)

Kind regards

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