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Dear Provider,

**For the attention of all legal aid practitioners:**

**Mileage Rates**

We are aware of the recent government announcement relating to the [HMRC mileage allowance rate](#), which sets the level employers can reimburse staff tax free. Legal aid mileage rates are set separately under LAA contracts and guidance, and are not linked to HMRC tax free allowance rates.

**The legal aid standard mileage rate is 45p per mile.** The rate also remains unchanged for any central funds claims administered by the LAA. We regularly review whether the LAA's standard mileage rate should be amended. We will provide further updates relating to any changes.

### **For the attention of Civil legal aid practitioners:**

We are writing to provide advance notice of the next stage in the Legal Aid Agency's phased withdrawal of contingency measures introduced following the 2025 cyber-attack.

As previously communicated, the time and cost limits for emergency representation were reduced to 16 weeks and £4,500 from 26 January 2026.

We want to inform you that on 2 June we laid a Statutory Instrument (SI) which coincided with restoring emergency representation arrangements to standard pre-incident limits and processes. The SI will come into effect on 23 June 2026. **Effective 23 June**, the limits for emergency representation will reduce to:

- 8 weeks in time
- £2,250 in costs

The reverted limitations will apply to **all new grants** made under emergency representation from 23 June. This completes the phased return from the temporary contingency limits introduced during the incident.

Any existing grants will be subject to the emergency representation limitations that applied at the point of the determination.

Applications must continue to be submitted through CCMS or Civil Apply in the usual way.

Providers may continue to apply for increased cost limits in line with standard processes where justified.

### **Revocation of emergency representation**

The SI will restore the requirement for the Director of Legal Aid Casework (DLAC) to revoke, rather than withdraw, emergency representation where a client does not subsequently pass the means test.

This reflects a return to standard practice and aligns the legislative framework with pre-incident arrangements.

### **Civil contributions**

Civil income and capital contributions remain temporarily waived. Further guidance will be issued in due course.

We recognise the important role providers have played in supporting continuity of service during the cyber-attack, and thank you for your continued cooperation throughout the recovery period.

If you have any questions about how these changes apply in practice, please contact our Customer Service Team.