

For the attention of the Senior Partner

8 September 2005

Dear Practitioner

**Amendments to the General Civil Contract (Solicitors) – in force on  
31 October 2005**

Following proposals in consultation papers published by the Commission in December 2004 and June 2005, we enclose a notice of the amendments to your General Civil Contract, which come into force on 31 October 2005.

The first page of the notice summarises the amendments, which are set out in the remainder of the notice.

The December 2004 consultation paper proposed relaxing the Clause 12A.14 Contract Standard Terms bar on referral fees in personal injury and clinical negligence cases, subject to safeguards. However, consultees were firmly against this proposal and we decided not to proceed with it.

The amendments will appear in the next updates to the on-line and paper versions of the LSC Manual.

Yours faithfully



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