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For the attention of the Head of the Criminal Department

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Dear Practitioner,

NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO THE GENERAL CRIMINAL CONTRACT

I enclose a notice of changes to the General Criminal Contract that come into force on 2 October 2006. The notice also contains details of changes to the structure of guidance manuals and amendments to Duty Solicitor and Police Station Register Arrangements.

The amendments have resulted from two separate consultations that are detailed below. Summaries of our response to these consultations will be published on our website www.legalservices.gov.uk.

- Amendments to the General Criminal Contract and Guidance Manuals – for implementation October 2006 (Closing date: 26 June 2006)
- Contract amendments: Warrants of Further Detention (Closing date: 21 July 2006)

The amendments relating to warrants of further detention are required due to section 23 of the Terrorism Act 2006 coming into force on 25 July 2006. Although these amendments will be incorporated into the Contract from 2 October 2006 they will apply retrospectively from 25 July 2006.

Amended copies of the Contract, relevant guidance manuals and Arrangements will be made available on our website in due course.

New Claim Code

The Contract amendments implement Early Cover from 2 October 2006. All claims for Early Cover must use the new Claim Code **2T**.

If you have any questions concerning these changes please contact the Regional Office responsible for managing your Contract in the first instance.

Yours sincerely



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