

Change of Date for Implementation of CDS Amendments

In the recent [consultation on Amendments to the General Criminal Contract](#), we indicated that the proposed changes to [Police Station Remuneration](#), [DSCC and CDS Direct Expansion](#) and the implementation of the [VHCC panel](#) would take effect from 1 October 2007.

These changes involve adapting the system of remuneration for attendance at the Police Station to include [fixed fees](#). During the consultation period, there has been a number of practical issues requiring careful consideration, including the attendance of more than one solicitor through the life of an Investigation. These issues are the subject of ongoing negotiations between the LSC, the Law Society and other representative bodies.

In order to properly and fully consider the issues, and to ensure that the system and associated contract wording is appropriate and fair to all parties, we have taken the decision to delay finalisation of the contract notice which details the contract changes by two weeks. Due to the required notice period, this delay means that the contractual and policy changes for Police Station Remuneration, DSCC Expansion and VHCC Panel (commencing 1 Nov) will now be implemented from 15 October 2007 – not 1 October as previously stated.

The implementation of CDS Direct is subject to parliamentary timetabling to make amendments to PACE, therefore we will make an announcement on the implementation date of that shortly.

Contract Notices to effect the changes will now be issued to all providers by the end of August.