

## INVITATIONS TO TENDER TO DELIVER LEGAL AID MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN ENGLAND AND WALES FROM OCTOBER 2010



The Legal Services Commission would like to invite tenders from organisations that have the experience, skills and ability to provide accessible, independent, quality assured legal advice and representation services in the **Mental Health** category of law across England and Wales.

Contracts under which our civil legal aid providers currently deliver Mental Health advice and representation services will come to an end on 13 October 2010. To carry out these services after that date, organisations will need to have successfully tendered and been awarded a new civil legal aid contract in the Mental Health category of law to commence from 14 October 2010.

Organisations will be invited to submit tenders to deliver Mental Health services across the Strategic Health Authority areas and also in the specific High Security Hospitals of Ashworth, Broadmoor and Rampton.

**The tender process will open on 10 February 2010 and close at 12 noon on 31 March 2010.**

Full details of the two Invitations to Tender, including the criteria against which tenders will be assessed and instructions on how to use our eTendering system, will be published on our website at [www.legalservices.gov.uk](http://www.legalservices.gov.uk) following the pathway Community Legal Service (CLS) > Tenders > Civil Contracts for 2010.

Please note: These Invitations to Tender are solely for the **Mental Health** category of law. We intend to invite tenders for Family and Social Welfare categories of law later in February and all other civil categories of law in March 2010.