

## Weekly Payment Runs

Questions and answers on the new weekly payment schedule.

### Q. Why was the payment schedule initially changed?

A. The LSC recognised that some providers may be experiencing economic difficulties and took steps to speed up non-contract payments.

### Q. Why has the Contract payment date been amended?

A. In order to facilitate weekly payments quickly we combined the contract payment with the first payment run. We initially moved the payment runs so that there was a weekly run starting each Monday, with suppliers receiving their payment on the following Thursday.

This meant that contract payments would be processed on the first Monday of the month and funds cleared in provider accounts by the following Thursday. However, feedback received from some of our providers highlighted that the change to contract payment date may have had an impact on their ability to budget effectively.

We have listened to our providers concerns, in particular those who do not benefit from weekly payment runs. Therefore, we have adjusted the contract payment dates so that they will be paid earlier than previously communicated in Focus.

### Q. Will these changes mean that I will still get paid in the first week of each month?

A. Yes, we will continue to run payment runs each week and aim to ensure that the contract run payment will reach our providers bank accounts by the 7<sup>th</sup> calendar day of the month.

However, please note that these runs will not always fall on the first day of each month. See the payment schedule for further detail:

[http://lscintranet/internal\\_resources/184.html](http://lscintranet/internal_resources/184.html)

### Q. Why are the Debit Notes being run weekly?

A. We are running these weekly in line with feedback received from our providers asking for more frequent statements.

**Q. If the debit notes are run more frequently, will providers get a debit note statement each week?**

A. Yes, if providers are in debit they will receive a statement each week.

**Q. Will this also apply to payments currently administered outside of the LSC - by the Crown Courts and National Taxing Team (NTT).**

A. Currently Crown Courts pay approximately weekly so no change is necessary. The NTT pay twice a month but are paying only the residual solicitor ex post facto cases, which are now being replaced by Litigator Fee claims. Therefore, no system change is warranted.