



Ministry of JUSTICE

Creating a Quality Assurance Scheme for Publicly Funded Criminal Defence Advocates

List of supplementary questions (pertaining to partial impact assessment) for response

In addition to questions set out in this consultation paper we would welcome responses to the following supplementary questions. If you wish, you may comment on some or all of the equalities areas. Please email your completed form to: louise.sowden@legalservices.gov.uk or fax to: 020 7759 0534. Thank you.

EQUALITY - Generic Issues

1. We have identified gaps in data sources. What do you think would be particularly useful and relevant information for the project to collect to inform our impact assessment on the pilot, either generally or in relation to specific groups of practitioners?

Comments:

Race Equality

2. MoJ and LSC will conduct a full impact assessment on the pilot. After reading the consultation paper, do you think that the proposed scheme may impact differentially on advocates from minority ethnic groups? If so, can you describe these impacts, give the likely reasons for them and offer your suggestions to promote equality of opportunity.

Comments:

3. We wish to actively engage people from ethnic minority groups in the design and operation of the pilot scheme. How do you think we can best ensure we achieve that? What barriers to engagement might exist and how can we best overcome them?

Comments:

Disability Equality

4. MoJ and LSC will address gaps in data on advocates with a disability and conduct a full impact assessment on the pilot. After reading the consultation paper, do you think that the proposed scheme may impact differentially on advocates with a disability? If so, can you describe these impacts, give the likely reasons for them and offer your suggestions to promote equality of opportunity.

Comments:

5. We wish to actively engage disabled people in the design and operation of the pilot scheme. How do you think we can best ensure we achieve that? What barriers to engagement might exist and how can we best overcome them?

Comments:

Gender Equality

6. Available data shows that women generally are under represented in the profession. After reading the consultation paper, do you think that the proposed scheme may impact differentially on women advocates? If so, can you describe these impacts, give the likely reasons for them and offer your suggestions to promote equality of opportunity.

Comments:

Career Breaks & Part-time Advocates

7. What issues do you think may arise in the scheme for people who have taken career breaks? What steps do you think we should consider to ensure the scheme is accessible to people who have taken career breaks?

Comments:

8. What issues do you think may arise in the scheme for people who work part-time? What steps do you think we should consider to ensure the scheme is accessible to part-time advocates?

Comments:

Age Equality

9. MoJ and LSC will address gaps in data on age of advocates. After reading the consultation paper, do you think that the proposed scheme may impact differentially on advocates depending on their age? If so, can you describe these impacts, give the likely reasons for them and offer your suggestions to promote equality of opportunity.

Comments:

Rural Proofing

10. What issues do you think might arise in the scheme for rural practitioners? How do you think we should address these?

Comments:

Impact On Small Firms

11. Do you think there could be a differential impact according to the size of chambers / firm? What factors will cause that impact and why?

Comments:

12. What steps do you think we should consider in addressing those impacts?

Comments:

Other Comments

13. Are there any other areas relating to impact assessment that you would like to comment on?

Comments:

We wish to engage practitioners from the groups outlined in this questionnaire. If you would be willing to consider participating in the pilot design and monitoring in one or more of these areas please give your name and contact details below. We thank you for your support.

Name:

Contact details:

Equalities/group area of interest: