

Implementation and Delivery Plans

Schemes	Activities	Date
Magistrates Court Fees (To be introduced in selective urban areas only.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ LSC to announce detail on revised fees ▪ Implementation 	<p>December 2006</p> <p>April 2007</p>
Tailored Fixed Fee Replacement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Current TFF scheme will continue in all categories until October 2007. ▪ Revised fees published. ▪ Implementation 	<p>November/December 2006</p> <p>October 2007</p>
Harmonisation of Solicitor Legal Aid Rates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DCA to consult with main professional bodies on draft regulations. ▪ Regulations to be laid before Parliament. ▪ Implementation. 	<p>End 2006/Early 2007</p> <p>February/March 2007</p> <p>April 2007</p>
Unified Contract 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consultation on the details of the new standard terms closed. ▪ Discussions with key stakeholders to conclude ▪ Contract schedule issued. ▪ Finalised new standard terms to be published. ▪ Implementation. 	<p>21 November 2006</p> <p>Mid Dec 2006</p> <p>January 2007</p> <p>Expected by end of February 2007</p> <p>April 2007</p>

Appendix G

Preferred Supplier	<p>A detailed timetable will be published shortly setting out how Preferred Supplier fits with the key milestones for the civil and criminal schemes following the outcome of consultation on Lord Carter's proposals.</p> <p>All civil legal aid services are likely to be competed in some form from April 2009 over a two to three year period. Criminal legal aid services are likely to be competed sooner in some areas. Preferred Supplier will ensure that the services we buy will be of good quality. Certain services will be piloted, such as the first wave of Community Legal Advice Centres (CLACs) and Networks (CLANs). We will apply flexible rules in these cases which will be set out in the relevant best value competition documentation.</p> <p>The roll out of the quality assessment process will flex to meet the needs of each best value competition and the overall timetable. For civil we will be consulting in early 2007 on new methods of commissioning services for mental health and asylum. Our family strategy will be published in spring 2007 and we will consult on our future strategy for purchasing low volume categories in the first half of 2007. We will build the move to a Preferred Supplier approach into each of these areas.</p>
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