



## LASPO Post-Implementation Review

### Advice and Third Sector Consultative Group – Meeting 1

The consultations that preceded LASPO were published over seven years ago and since this time there have been significant developments in our justice system. As such, the Government plans to use the evidence gathered at this meeting to inform both the review and its wider consideration on the future of legal support in the justice system.

The agenda below outlines the suggested topics for discussion and is not exhaustive. The consultative groups are just one facet of the evidence gathering process to inform the post-implementation review and the review team will also facilitate meetings with interested parties on a small group or individual basis. Submissions of analytical evidence can also be made to [lasporeviewmoj@justice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:lasporeviewmoj@justice.gsi.gov.uk) for consideration.

#### Introduction by the Chair.

#### Topic One – the impact of changes to scope on people, advice and third sector providers and the justice system.

- a. The impact of changes to scope on demand for legal support from the advice and third sector (both in terms of legal advice and representation).
- b. The impact of changes to scope on the provision of legal support services from the advice sector.
- c. The impact of changes to scope on the experiences of people, and whether the impact has been uniform.
- d. The impact of changes to scope on distribution of legal support services geographically or by jurisdiction.
- e. How people who have issues no longer in scope of legal aid are now resolving their problems.
- f. The impact of changes on the demographics of the advice and third sectors.
- g. The role and nature of future legal support in the advice and third sectors.
- h. Evidence gaps in this area.

#### Topic Two – the impact of changes to eligibility on people and the advice sector.

- a. The impact of changes to eligibility on the experiences of people and the advice sector.
- b. The impact of changes to eligibility on the demands of people seeking advice and support from the advice and third sectors.
- c. Evidence gaps in this area.



**Topic Three - the impact of changes to encourage alternative routes of resolution and alternative methods of accessing advice.**

- a. The impact of the changes to encourage provision, utilisation and development of mediation and other alternative routes of resolution on the experiences of individuals and providers.
- b. The extent to which these changes have discouraged unnecessary and adversarial litigation at the public expense.
- c. Evidence gaps in this area.

**Topic Four – the impact of changes to remuneration on recipients and providers of legal aid services in the advice and third sectors.**

- a. The impact of changes on the provision of legal aid services that may have affected the experiences of individual recipients.
- b. The impact of changes on the demographics of the advice and third sectors.
- c. Evidence gaps in this area.

**Topic Five – the impact of changes to legal aid on the development of new forms of legal support provision by the advice and third sectors.**

- a. The impact of the changes made under LASPO on the development of the provision of legal support services.
- b. The impact of the changes made under LASPO on the needs of people seeking support from the advice and third sectors and how this has influenced provision.
- c. Evidence gaps in this area.

**Conclusions** – What to expect for the next group meeting and how external evidence can be submitted.

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The following groups/individuals have been invited to attend the advice and third sector consultative group meeting:

- a. AdviceNow (LawforLife)
- b. Advice Services Alliance
- c. Advice UK
- d. Bar Pro Bono Unit
- e. Citizens Advice
- f. Howard League for Penal Reform
- g. Just for Kids Law
- h. Law Centres Network
- i. LawWorks
- j. Legal Education Foundation
- k. Personal Support Unit
- l. Nuffield Foundation
- m. Refugee Council UK
- n. Shelter
- o. Victim Support

