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LAPG Member Update

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Invitation - Member Briefing - RoCLA - Call for Evidence

Invitation for all LAPG Members to attend a briefing on 18 January 2024 on RoCLA and the recently announced Call for Evidence

Dear Members,

As we reported in Member Update 2 last week, the MOJ has announced a <u>Call for Evidence</u> as part of the Review of Civil Legal Aid (RoCLA). The online survey <u>can be accessed here</u>.

This an important opportunity to feed into the development of the civil legal aid system so we thought we would organise a meeting to brief members about the Call for Evidence, provide some background and context about RoCLA and answer any questions you have about the process. Please do our online, lunchtime Member Briefing this Thursday, 18th of January 2024, from 13:00-14:00.

To join the briefing click on this Zoom link, using Meeting ID: 871 1332 2212

The Call for Evidence is comprised of 18 questions covering issues such as fee structures, career development, user needs and the use of technology. The MOJ is asking for views and evidence of specific problems for each category of legal aid, as well as overarching issues affecting the civil legal aid system. The MOJ has

also set out it's 'vision' for civil legal aid and the wider system for delivering legal support and resolving legal problems.

The deadline for responses to the Call for Evidence is **21 February 2024**.

The Call for Evidence is designed to supplement the work carried out to date by the MOJ under RoCLA, which has four primary work strands:

- 1. Economic analysis of the structure of the civil legal aid market
- 2. Comparative analysis of systems in other countries
- 3. A series of data publications
- 4. Social research of user journeys.

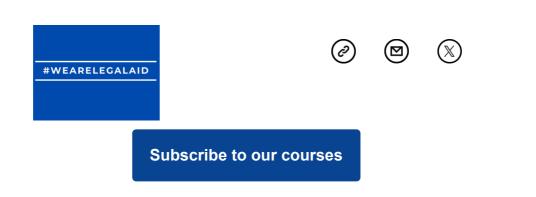
The RoCLA team will publish reports for all work streams, releasing evidence papers on the dedicated website ahead of the project's conclusion on **31 March 2024.** After that the MOJ will draw up policy proposals and there will be a full consultation in the summer.

This is an opportunity for you to feed into RoCLA and be heard by the MOJ. It is really important that as many providers and organisations as possible respond to the Call for Evidence so please do join us this Thursday to discuss how you can respond or feed into LAPG's response.

We look forward to seeing you this Thursday,

Chris Minnoch, CEO @ChrisLAPG

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