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## LAPG Member Update

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### Help shape our response to the MOJ civil fees consultation

We have today launched a survey to gather your views about the MOJ's civil fee increase consultation ([Civil legal aid: Towards a sustainable future](#)). The survey is a joint initiative from LAPG, ILPA, HLPAs and LCN and is designed to give you, our valued members, an easily accessible tool to feed into the consultation.

[Access the survey here](#)

**The survey closes on 14 March 2025.**

All responses to the survey will be confidentially retained by the participating membership bodies listed above.

The survey can be completed by any civil legal aid practitioner, not just those who undertake Housing & Debt and/or Immigration & Asylum work. We think it is crucial that civil practitioners that do not do these areas of legal aid complete this survey and respond to the consultation as it is likely that the MOJ will take the same approach to fee increases in other areas of civil legal aid.

You can also complete the survey if you do not have a legal aid contract but are potentially interested in doing so in the future, or if you are a policy specialist with a view on the MOJ's fees proposals and/or suggestions on the future of office and remote working requirements.

The survey should take you about 30 minutes to complete (although this may vary depending on which questions you choose to answer). We're also suggesting that in order to provide robust responses to some of the fee proposal questions it would be advisable to carry out a modelling exercise to determine how the proposals will affect your financial position in the future and what steps you might take, if any, with additional fee income.

It is very important that we only receive one response per organisation to avoid duplication in the resulting data. If you are planning to respond, please check with your colleagues to make sure a second response is not submitted by your organisation.

**Please do complete the survey by the 14<sup>th</sup>**. It is vital that our response to the consultation is informed by your views about whether the proposals will enable you to deliver more sustainable services that reach more people. A reminder also that the consultation itself closes on 21 March 2025.

If you have any questions about the survey, or the consultation more generally, please do get in touch.

Take care one and all,

**Chris Minnoch, CEO @ChrisLAPG**

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