



# Background

- Independent national charity
- Membership-based organisation
- Last 12 months
  - Over 30,000 people helped
  - 500+ community groups advised
  - Value £5 million

*To increase the delivery of pro bono legal services to individuals and communities in need*

Lawyers working free for the public good





# PROJECTS

Students

Seniors

Community Groups

Web

Mediation

Clinics





# Clinics

- Free advice
- Free, CPD accredited training
- Opportunities for Volunteering
- Bespoke service





# Community Groups

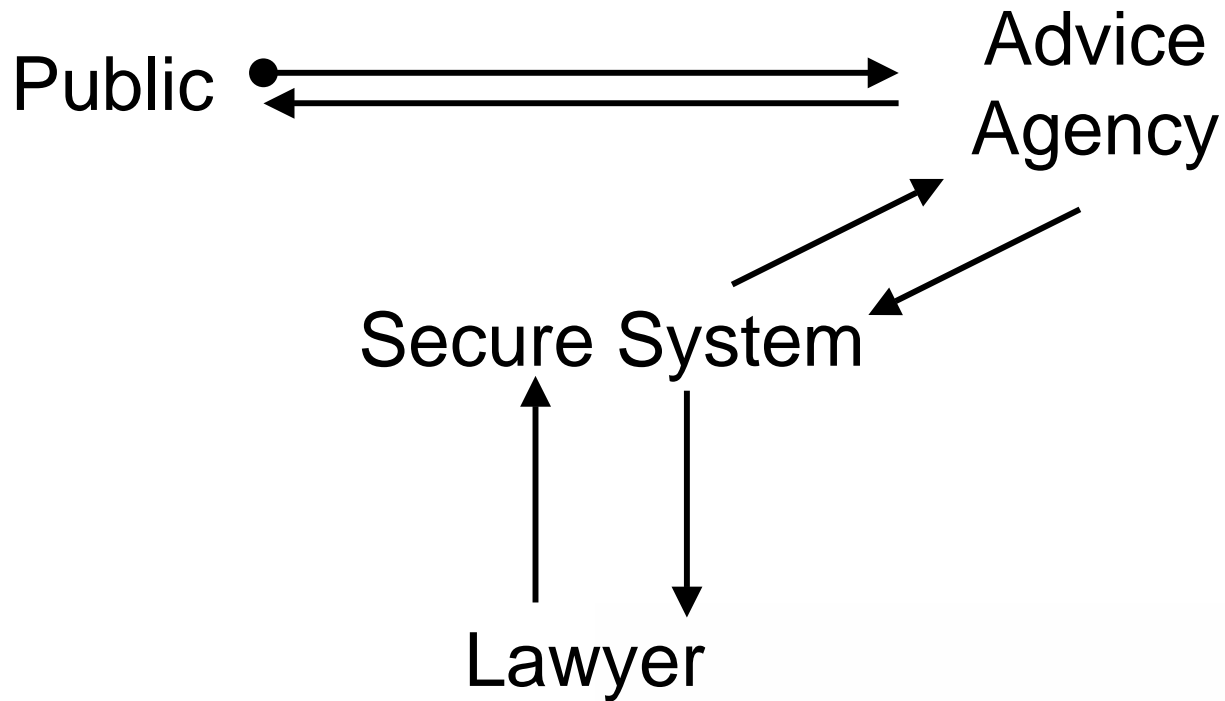
- One-off advice
- Training
- Capacity building
- Brokerage role
- PAT's





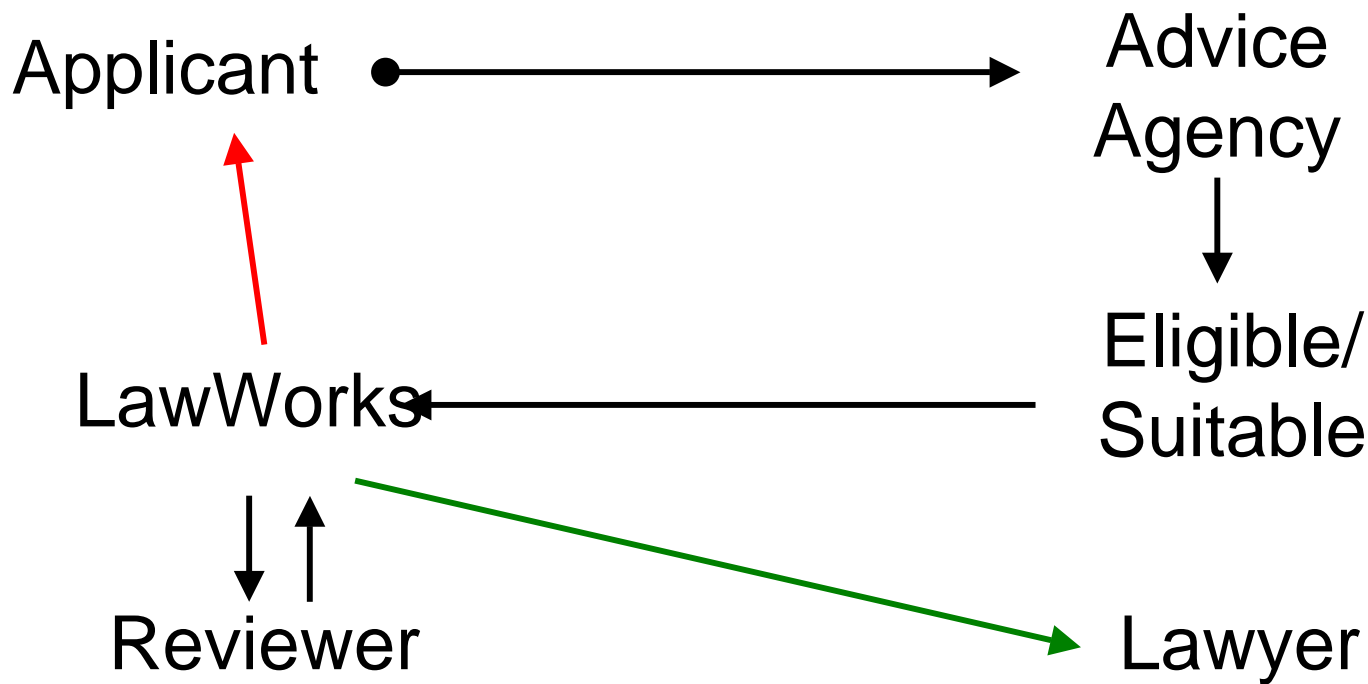
# Web

## Initial Electronic Advice





# Web In-Depth Assistance





# Mediation

- Advantages of mediation
- One party unable to pay
- Civil and commercial disputes
- Panel of mediators
- 75% settled





# Seniors

- Lawyers nearing retirement
- Range of opportunities
  - Legal
  - Corporate
  - Trustees
- Overseas
- Strong Links with other projects





# Students

- Assist faculty and students
  - Streetlaw
  - Clinics
  - Local Links
- Matchmaking – agencies and firms
  - Links to other advice/help groups
  - Value to Firms
  - Value to CV's



# Outline points



- **Sister organisation to LawWorks; deals with barristers**
- **Matches barristers to cases needing specialist advice or representation**
- **All areas of law; all parts of the country**
- **To help those who cannot get legal aid and cannot afford to pay for the help needed**
- **Almost 2000 barristers pre-volunteered; committing a minimum of 3 days a year**
- **Aims to allocate a barrister with the same experience and expertise as in a paying case**
- **Coordinated from a central “hub” based in London**
- **[www.barprobono.org.uk](http://www.barprobono.org.uk)**

# Applying for help



- **Written application form**
- **Submitted by an advice agency or law firm**
- **Identifying the piece of work needed**
- **At least 3 weeks before deadlines/ hearing – ideally longer**
- **Reviewed by a senior barrister**
- **Review checks (a) whether case appears deserving and (b) whether the involvement of a barrister could help**
- **If passes review then “hub” seeks to allocate barrister**
- **Further applications may be made for help with further pieces of work**
- **For cases needing a barrister and a solicitor: in the first instance contact either LawWorks or the Bar Pro Bono Unit**



# Joint Protocol for Pro Bono Work

- Quality mark
- Core values
- LawWorks/BPBU members abide by it

