

CLS Support

The Friday Briefing Session

For senior personnel in private practice & not-for-profit legal aid suppliers

Financial Stewardship

The new Relationship Management contract compliance process & how it will affect you

Speaker: Patrick Torsney

London - 3rd September

Manchester - 24th September

Birmingham - 1st October

CLS Support introduces its **new** CPD accredited three-hour briefing sessions led by speakers who are expert in their particular field. The Friday Briefing Sessions are held each quarter and focus on the most relevant and topical issues facing organisations working under civil contract with the Legal Services Commission.

This is aimed at senior staff and decision makers in not-for-profit and private practice civil legal aid suppliers.

10am - 1.30pm

3CPD hours

Overview of the Financial Stewardship briefing session

Relationship Managers are now taking a lead role in ensuring that the level of contract compliance and financial control within your organisation is up to scratch. They are being told to focus on key areas of compliance and have been provided with a controversial new guidance manual, which includes how they should identify issues with your work and the action they should take as a consequence. This includes the implementation of financial penalties where issues are identified.

It is critical that organisations working under the civil legal aid scheme, whether now or under the new contract in October 2010, understand this process - the consequences of getting it wrong and what benefits there may be in getting it right.

By the end of this briefing session, you will understand:

- The specific areas of compliance that are being investigated
- The process, including the role of the Provider Dashboard, selection for and the visit itself plus the full range of potential outcomes
- How you can respond if issues are identified, including options you may have on negotiating the level of financial extrapolation of nil assessed files
- Your appeal rights and tactical advice on exercising them
- Results, information and feedback on visits that have been conducted so far

We would like to thank John Sirodcar, National Relationship Director, who takes the lead on financial stewardship at the Legal Services Commission, for his cooperation with the presenter and for providing us with information and the Commission's perspective on the process.

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