

News story: Crime news: 2017 Standard Crime Contract holders list available

Outcome of procurement process for award of 2017 Standard Crime Contract.

A full list of contract holders able to carry out work under the 2017 Standard Crime Contract is now available.

This follows publication of the outcome of the procurement process for the award of the new 2017 contract. Use the link below to view the full list.

Out of the 1,299 contracted organisations, 1,199 deliver own client and duty work and 100 deliver work on an own client only basis.

The list of duty solicitors contains 5,500 members. This is a reduction of about 1,000 members compared to the previous members list. The members' list is also available – see below.

Further Information

[Legal aid crime tender 2017](#) – for 2017 contract holders' list

[Duty solicitors: rotas, information and guidance](#) – for members' list

Notice: EX16 8PZ, Mr William Elsworthy: environmental permit issued

The Environment Agency publish permits that they issue under the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED).

This decision includes the permit letter and decision document for:

- Operator name: Mr William Elsworthy
 - Installation name: Hellinghayes Poultry Farm
 - Permit number: EPR/FP3434DK/A001
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[News story: 2017 Annual Conference: Speaker presentations](#)

The Groceries Code Adjudicator (GCA) 2017 Annual Conference took place on 26 June 2017, at Church House, Westminster. Over 250 people registered to attend to hear from the Adjudicator and a range of other speakers about progress over the past 12 months, current Code related issues in the groceries sector and plans for the future.

The theme of the conference was 'Driving Change, Making an Impact'.

Driving Change, Making an Impact

A presentation of the progress of the work of the GCA over the past 12 months.

Christine Tacon, Groceries Code Adjudicator – [GCA Annual Report 2016-17](#) (PDF, 1.96MB, 22 pages)

The GCA annual sector survey results

YouGov presents findings from the GCA commissioned research into experiences and attitudes in relation to retailer compliance with the Code.

Gavin Ellison, YouGov Director – [The GCA Annual Sector Survey results](#) (PDF, 1.7MB, 23 pages)

Forward Look

The Adjudicator presents her plans for the coming year

Christine Tacon, Groceries Code Adjudicator – [Forward Look](#) (PDF, 1.72MB, 25 pages)

[Guidance: Waste collection authorities contingency planning: RPS 79](#)

Waste collection authorities or their contracted providers sometimes cannot carry out normal household waste collections due to bad weather, for example. They may need to set up temporary waste collection centres.

This regulatory position statement (RPS) sets out the conditions waste collection authorities must follow to operate a temporary collection site

without an environmental permit.

[News story: Former barrister convicted for giving illegal immigration advice](#)

Mr Michael Wainwright, aged 33, of Bromley Crescent, Ruislip pleaded guilty at Southwark Crown Court on Tuesday 2 May 2017, to 8 offences of providing unregulated immigration advice between May 2013 and June 2016.

The offences committed over a 3 year period commenced when Mr Wainwright was a practising barrister. His entitlement to practice did not include accepting instructions from clients. He was suspended on the 5 August 2014 and then disbarred from practicing as a barrister on 3 December 2014.

Following his disbarment Mr Wainwright formed a legal services company Crested Associates Ltd, which he used to commit further offences, targeting vulnerable persons seeking immigration advice until finally remanded into custody on the 2 May 2017.

His conduct in committing these offences included:

- conducting cases when not entitled to do so
- contacting detainees facing deportation at Immigration Removal Centres and promising to lodge Judicial Reviews or make bail applications on their behalf
- failing to make applications to the Home Office or the Immigration Tribunals for which he had been instructed and paid by the applicants
- lodging Judicial Reviews and applications before the Upper Tribunal and at the High Court
- making applications before Tribunals as the “applicant in person” and seeking fee remissions
- appearing in person as a representative before Immigration Tribunals when no longer qualified to do so
- making false claims as to his status before the Immigration Tribunals or claiming to act as a McKenzie Friend

On 28 June 2017 at Southwark Crown Court His Honour Judge Hehir sentenced Mr Wainwright to a total of 22 months imprisonment. He was also ordered to pay compensation to the victims totalling £2,858.

When sentencing HHJ Hehir said:

Your conduct represents a flagrant disregard for not only the standards of profession you used to be a part of, but also the Bar Standards Board and also the criminal courts and their orders too.

The facts of the eight offences have been very fully opened to me. They reveal that you persistently and in a sophisticated fashion, held yourself out to vulnerable and often desperate people.

The prohibition is there for good reason. Whether or not those who seek help for immigration advice or services have a good case, or are entitled to be in the UK is neither here nor there. They and their families are highly vulnerable and often desperate.

Charlatans like you take advantage take of their difficulty and desperation and by doing so you can only harm their interests. You were deliberately taking advantage of these people.

Speaking about the decision, Deputy Immigration Services Commissioner Dr Ian Leigh said:

These are serious offences that are aggravated by a knowing disregard of the statutory regime, and I am pleased with the outcome in this case.