# Crime news: welcome pack and resources for 2022 crime contract

We are making resources available on GOV.UK to help providers when delivering work under the new 2022 Standard Crime Contract.

These include a welcome pack which explains the contents of the 2022 Standard Crime Contract and gives support for new providers.

#### What resources can providers access?

- 2022 crime contract specification and standard terms
- provider welcome pack
- new versions of guidance

#### Where can I view contract changes?

The 2022 crime contract includes changes and updates in a range of areas. These are detailed in the Standard Crime Contract 2022 available for download on GOV.UK. The specification changes include:

- duty solicitor engagement requirements section 6
- pre-charge engagement section 9.113-9.137
- gang injunctions and associated civil work section 13.47-13.53
- committal proceedings in civil court venues section 10.193 10.199

### Length of contract

The new 2022 contract governing the provision of criminal legal aid services takes effect from 1 October 2022 for a period of one year. It is subject to extensions of up to 2 years.

## Amended forms and guidance

Minor amendments have been made to the following forms and guidance documents to include relevant 2022 Standard Crime Contract references:

- 1. Criminal Bills Assessment Manual
- 2. Criminal Legal Aid Manual
- 3. CWA codes guidance (guidance for reporting crime lower work)
- 4. Crown Court fee guidance
- 5. CRM2 application for advice and assistance form
- 6. CRM7 non-standard fee contract work assessment form

#### Further information

Standard Crime Contract 2022 welcome pack

Standard Crime Contract 2022 specification

Standard Crime Contract 2022 standard terms

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<u>Criminal Legal Aid Review</u> — MOJ consultation hub

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