News story: Crime news: drive to boost accurate electronic Crown Court claims

We are planning to test a provider workshop to highlight how to correctly claim electronically served evidence as Pages of Prosecution Evidence (PPE).

If successful then more workshops could be held in different parts of the country. Feedback from providers will be looked at to see if any changes can be made to help with successful claims.

Why is this happening now?

A number of claims are being submitted without the correct information. This is leading to unnecessary rejections and fee reductions.

Where can I find electronic billing guidance?

Guidance is available on GOV.UK pages for all aspects of Crown Court legal aid fees. This explains:

The electronic disc evidence you must post is listed in the <u>Crown Court fee</u> <u>guidance</u> document. See paragraph 16 on page 69, appendix D.

This needs to be sent to: Legal Aid Agency, Fothergill House, 2nd Floor, 16 King Street, Nottingham, NG1 2AS DX: 10035 Nottingham 1

Is the workshop only about electronic evidence?

This is what the workshop will cover:

Where will it be held?

We will be holding a PPE workshop at the Legal Aid Agency office in Piccadilly Gate, Store Street, Manchester, M1 2WD, on 11 March 2019 between 11am and 1.30pm.

How do I apply?

If you are interested in attending email jennifer.johnson@justice.gov.uk

Places are limited so you will need to apply early.

Further information

<u>Criminal legal aid processing: applications and digital systems</u>