<u>News story: Crime news: workshops to</u> <u>improve accuracy of Crown Court claims</u>

A provider workshop is to be held on 11 April 2019 showing providers how to correctly claim for electronically served Pages of Prosecution Evidence (PPE).

Additional events will be held in Leeds, London and Newcastle over the coming months.

This follows a successful 'PPE and special preparation pilot' workshop in Manchester on 11 March 2019.

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.

Is the workshop only about electronic evidence?

The workshop will cover:

Where will it be held?

The workshop will be at the Legal Aid Agency office, 18 The Priory Queensway, Birmingham, on 11 April 2019, between 11am and 1.45pm.

How do I apply?

If you are interested in attending email <u>jennifer.johnson@justice.gov.uk</u>

Places are limited so you will need to apply early.

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> guidance 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

Further information

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