STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 325

The Civil and Criminal Legal Aid (Remuneration) (Amendment) Regulations 2015

Amendments to the Criminal Legal Aid (Remuneration) Regulations 2013

- **3.**—(1) The Criminal Legal Aid (Remuneration) Regulations 2013(1) are amended as follows.
- (2) In regulation 3(2) (scope), after "magistrates' courts," insert "to proceedings in the County Court,".
- (3) In Schedule 1 (Advocates' Graduated Fee Scheme), in Part 7 (Table of Offences), under the heading "Class H: Miscellaneous other offences", for the first and second entries substitute—

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"Breach of a sexual harm Sexual Offences Act 2003, 2003 c. 42
prevention order or interim s.103I(2)
sexual harm prevention order

Breach of a sexual risk order or Sexual Offences Act 2003, As above interim sexual risk order s.122H(3)

Breach of a criminal behaviour Anti-social Behaviour, Crime 2014 c. 12". and Policing Act 2014, s.30
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- (4) Schedule 4 (Rates Payable for the Claims Specified in Regulation 8) is amended as follows.
- (5) For paragraph 1 (Interpretation of this Schedule) substitute—

"Interpretation of this Schedule

- 1. In this Schedule—
- (a) unless the context otherwise requires, words and expressions have the same meaning as in the 2010 Standard Crime Contract, and
 - (b) "the 2014 Act" means the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.".
- (6) In paragraph 5 (Representation in the Magistrates' Court)—
 - (a) in sub-paragraph (1), after "rates" insert "for representation in a magistrates' court (except where paragraph 5A applies)";
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (2), after "a magistrates' court" insert "(except where paragraph 5A applies)", and
 - (c) in sub-paragraph (3)—
 - (i) after paragraph (a)(i) insert—

⁽¹⁾ S.I. 2013/435; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2013/862 and 2014/415.

⁽²⁾ Section 103I was inserted into the Sexual Offences Act 2003 (c. 42) by paragraph 2 of Schedule 5 to the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (c. 12).

⁽³⁾ Section 122H was inserted into the Sexual Offences Act 2003 (c. 42) by paragraph 2 of Schedule 5 to the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (c. 12).

- "(ia) guilty pleas in proceedings for low-value shoplifting as defined in section 22A(3) of the Magistrates' Court Act 1980(4) (low-value shoplifting);";
- (ii) in paragraph (a)(iii) and (iv), after "offences" insert "or proceedings referred to in sub-paragraph (ia)", and
- (iii) in paragraph (b), after "proceedings" insert "(other than proceedings referred to in paragraph (a)(ia))".
- (7) After paragraph 5 insert—

"Representation in proceedings relating to an injunction under Part 1 of the 2014 Act or related parenting order in any court

- **5A.**—(1) This paragraph applies to proceedings prescribed as criminal proceedings under section 14(h) of the Act (other than an appeal) relating to—
 - (a) an injunction under Part 1 of the 2014 Act; or
 - (b) a parenting order under section 8(1)(b) of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998(5) where an injunction is granted under Part 1 of the 2014 Act.
 - (2) The fixed amounts and hourly rates for—
 - (a) determining whether the lower or higher fee limit has been reached, and
 - (b) claiming costs in cases which fall outside the fixed fee limits, are specified in the table following this sub-paragraph.

Representation in proceedings relating to an injunction under Part 1 of the 2014 Act or related parenting order in any court

	All Areas
Routine letters written and telephone calls per item	£3.56
Preparation hourly rate	£45.35
Advocacy hourly rate (including applications for bail and other applications to court)	£56.89
Hourly rate for attendance at court where Counsel is assigned (including conferences with Counsel at court)	£31.03

(3) The table following this sub-paragraph sets out the fees and fee limits for representation in any court.

Higher and Lower Fees Table

	Lower fee (£)	Lower fee limit (£)	Higher fee (£)	Higher fee limit (£)
Uncontested	158.27	272.34	380.70	471.85
Contested	279.45	467.84	640.94	779.64

^{(4) 1980} c. 43. Section 22A was inserted by section 176 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (c. 12).

^{(5) 1998} c. 37.

- (4) The hourly rate for travelling and waiting in any court is £24.00.".
- (8) In paragraph 7 (Representation in proceedings prescribed as criminal proceedings under section 14(h) of the Act)—
 - (a) in sub-paragraph (1), after "a magistrates' court" insert "or where paragraph 5A applies";
 - (b) in the heading of the table following sub-paragraph (1), for "Magistrates' Court" substitute "Crown Court", and
 - (c) in sub-paragraph (2), after "the Act" insert "(except where paragraph 5A or paragraph 10 applies)".
- (9) In paragraph 10 (Representation in the Crown Court on an appeal from a magistrates' court in proceedings prescribed as criminal proceedings under section 14(h) of the Act), after "the Act" insert "or an appeal to the County Court relating to an injunction under Part 1 of the 2014 Act or a parenting order under section 8(1)(b) of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 made in connection with an injunction under Part 1 of the 2014 Act".