

**JOINT ACTION PLAN
ON
OPERATIONAL RECOMMENDATION 1
FROM CJINI REPORT**

“An Inspection of Criminal Legal Aid Processing: The effectiveness of the Legal Aid Management System in supporting the achievement of strategic business objectives and improved service delivery”

30 May 2022

Operational Recommendation 1: Joint Action Plan

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O1	2.26	Within six months of publication of this report the Public Prosecution Service for Northern Ireland and the Department of Justice should produce a list categorising offences and make this available to the Legal Services Agency Northern Ireland. This document should be updated when new offences are introduced.	PPS/ DOJ	Yes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Indictable offences listed in the Schedule of the 2005 Rules to be updated to ensure current provisions are included. (PPS PIU) 2. LSA and PPS to produce a combined list of indictable offences to incorporate those listed in the schedule of the 2005 Rules (as updated) and new/other offences which have been used and are not captured in the Rules. (PPS Fees Team / LSA) 3. Offence list to be analysed to identify areas of divergence between the PPS 	<p>July 2022</p> <p>September 2022</p> <p>October 2022</p>	

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					<p>classification and the LSA classification. (PPS Fees Team / LSA)</p> <p>4. Any areas of disagreement regarding classification to be referred to EAJD for determination (PPS Fees Team / LSA / EAJD)</p> <p>5. Public facing list to be developed for LSA website which sets out the categorisation of offences and identifies in red any offences to which a 'working' categorisation applies; i.e. those which are not currently listed in the Schedule to the Rules. Updated list also to be included on</p>	<p>November 2022</p> <p>From November 2022 (Live Document - will require continuing update)</p>	

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					<p>PPS Website. (LSA / PPS Fees Team)</p> <p>6. PPS PIU to advise PPS Fees Manager of any new indictable offences created via COT. (PPS PIU)</p> <p>7. As new offences are created or if unclassified offences are claimed (for example charges which differ substantively in wording from those held in LAMS), LSA and PPS Fees Team to review, agree a working categorisation and publish revisions on an ongoing basis. (PPS Fees Team / LSA)</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	