

# **Specialist Practitioner Group Terms of Reference**

## **July 2015 (agreed and finalised September 2015)**

### **Membership**

- Representative bodies of the legal profession and organisations representing practitioners in specific areas law relevant to legal aid, social welfare and family law provision.

### **Purpose**

- To enable member organisations to contribute and discuss items for inclusion on the agenda for the Civil Contracts Consultative Group meetings with the Legal Aid Agency.
- To raise other legal aid and access to justice issues for discussion within the group.
- To facilitate information exchange between the member organisations.
- To propose joint initiatives where appropriate between some or all of the member organisations.

### **Meetings**

- Meetings will take place every two months approximately two weeks prior to the CCCG meeting with the LAA.
- The Law Society will circulate a draft agenda prior to the meeting and ask other members for agenda items.
- Meetings will be hosted and chaired by The Law Society and action points will be recorded.
- The Chair will indicate whether any items are to be treated as confidential or subject to 'Chatham House Rules'.