

LSA Circular 07/26

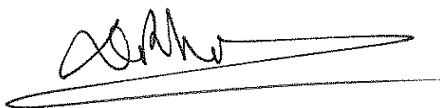
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Dear Practitioner,

5% Uplift for Solicitors in Children Order Cases

1. **This circular will be of interest to family practitioners and members of the Children Order Panel as it highlights the fees which do and do not attract the 5% uplift.** The 5% uplift for Children Order Panel members only applies to legal aid fees in accordance with the [Department of Justice Direction – Payment of Uplift to Solicitors in Children Order Cases](#).
2. The 5% uplift may be applied to the following fees only: **Consultation, Preparation, Advocacy, Letters, and Telephone Calls for work carried out by a Children Order Panel member.**
3. Where fees are claimed for letters or telephone calls undertaken by another fee earner, the uplift will only be allowed where the notes section for each relevant fee line clearly states: ***“Dictated by, or as directed by, panel solicitor.”***
4. Practitioners must only include the uplift for eligible fees, as set out in the Department’s Direction. **From the date of this circular where a 5% uplift has been added to the overall profit costs and the claim for payment includes Travel, Waiting or work carried out by a non-panel member it will be queried back for amendment.**

Yours faithfully,



Paul Andrews
Chief Executive