

INCREASES TO CROWN COURT CRIMINAL LEGAL AID FEES COMING IN THIS VERY MONTH! – MARCH 2026

THIS PRESENTATION WILL EXAMINE ALL THE INCREASES TO CRIMINAL LEGAL AID BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE PUBLISHED STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS (SI 2025 No. 1251 (DECEMBER 2025) AND SI 2026 No. 106 (MARCH 2026) HEAVILY CONCENTRATING ON THOSE INCREASES TAKING PLACE THIS VERY MONTH (MARCH 2026)

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25 THINGS COVERED DURING THE HOUR

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- 1 – The ‘harmonisation’ in relation to Crown Court Fees whereby Guilty Pleas will pay 65% of the Basic Trial Fee and a Cracked Trial will pay 75% of the Basic Trial Fee**
- 2 – The increases to certain Basic Fees in the Classification of Offences – E,F,G,H and I**
- 3 – The commencement date and territorial aspect of SI 2026 No. 106**
- 4 – The amendments made by SI 2026 No. 106 to the Schedules contained in the 2013 Regulations (SI 2013 No. 435)**
- 5 – The meaning of ‘relevant determination’ i.e. the cases to which the new Fees will apply**
- 6 – Amendments to Schedule 2 of the 2013 Regulations regarding Guilty Pleas or Cracked Trials where the pages of prosecution evidence (PPE) is less than or equal to the cut-off point (the concept will be fully explained in the presentation)**
- 7 – Amendments to Schedule 2 of the 2013 Regulations regarding Basic Fees for Trials where the pages of prosecution evidence (PPE) is less than or equal to the cut-off point (again, the concept will be fully explained in the presentation)**

- 8 – Amendments to Schedule 2 of the 2013 Regulations regarding Guilty Pleas or Cracked Trials where the pages of prosecution evidence (PPE) exceeds the PPE cut-off point (again, the concept will be fully explained in the presentation)**
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- 10 – The new Fixed Fee for appeals against sentence from the Magistrates' Court to the Crown Court**
- 11 – The new Fixed Fee for appeals against conviction from the Magistrates' Court to the Crown Court**
- 12 – The new Fixed Fee regarding committals for sentence to the Crown Court from the Magistrates' Court**
- 13 – The new Fixed Fee regarding hearings subsequent to sentence (those hearings where the Crown Court Judge has the matter back for further consideration)**
- 14 – The new Fixed Fee for contempt proceedings – non-defendant's**
- 15 – The new Fixed Fee for an alleged breach of a Crown Court Order**
- 16 – The new hourly rates payable to Litigators regarding representation on an appeal by way of Case Stated to the High Court**
- 17 – The new Fees payable to Assigned Counsel for representation in a Magistrates' Court or Youth Court or High Court on an appeal by way of Case Stated**
- 18 – The proposals in the Leveson Review of the Criminal Justice System – Standard and Non-standard Fees**
- 19 – There are no changes at all to the Fee payable as regards the price per page when billing the case as Litigator**
- 20 – The Statutory Instrument makes no changes at all as regards the payment for Advocates Fees when dealing with Crown Court matters**
- 21 – Very briefly – the current position regarding Police Station Fees**
- 22 – Very briefly – the current position regarding Fees claimable for work in the Adult Magistrates' Court**
- 23 – Very briefly – the current position regarding Fees claimable for work in the Youth Court**
- 24 – Very briefly – the current position regarding Fees payable to Litigators for proceedings in the Court of Appeal**
- 25 – New Litigator Tables as regards Crown Court Fees**