



THE ASSOCIATION OF PRISON LAWYERS
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APL Annual conference (London)

Prison Law after 'Transforming Legal Aid'

22 October 2013

Doughty Street Chambers, 54 Doughty Street, London, WC1N 2LS

CPD points 5.5 hours CPD reference FLA/PRIS003

Programme (may be subject to minor change)

- 9.15 Registration and refreshments
- 9.45 **Welcome** by Andrew Sperling, Chair of APL followed by a brief introduction to recent announcements about the future of legal aid
- 10.00 **Legal aid practice now and in the future? The LAA perspective**
David Reddin, Special Cases Unit, Legal Aid Agency (JR and civil)
Another LAA – to be confirmed
- 10.45 **Q and A session with the LAA**
- 11.15 *Break*
- 11.30 **Legal aid practice now and in the future? The practitioner's perspective**
Focussed questions for group discussion followed by feedback
Led by Andrew Sperling and Laura Janes, Howard League
- 12.00 **Surviving audits – Prison law CBAM guidance and good practice**
Introduction to the CBAM guidance followed by a quiz
Rikki Garg, Scott-Moncrieff
- 1.00 *Lunch*
- 1.45 **Making the best of legal aid**
1. Judicial review – recent announcements
A brief summary of proposed changes
Diane Astin - public law solicitor

2. Prison law JRs – special arrangements

Jude Bunting – Doughty Street Chambers

3. Making the best of civil legal aid

Murray Heining - Chairman of the Association of Costs Lawyers

4. Some recent cost decisions in judicial review /inter partes costs

Diane Astin

5. CFAs, what are they, how do they work, for what sort of cases can I use them?

Murray Heining

3.30 *Break*

3.45 Running a prison law practice in the future – ideas for sustainability

Panel discussion led by Andrew Sperling and Diane Astin

4.15 Why prison law matters

Michael Fordham QC, Blackstone Chambers

4.55 Evaluations and close