

**UPDATE NOTES**

**CDS Crime System**

**Update 28**

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## **Police Station Advice and Assistance – CDS Direct Telephone Acceptance Fee**

### ***Introduction***

The following changes to the General Criminal Contract will be implemented on 31 October 2005. These changes result from the implementation of a pilot entitled "CDS Direct". This was subject to consultation with the profession in May and October 2004.

The changes apply to all CDS Suppliers operating under General Criminal Contracts.

### ***Background***

CDS Direct is a pilot project, the aim of which is to provide telephone advice to detained clients by employed advisors. The launch date will be 31 October 2005 and it is intended that the pilot will last for at least 6 months.

The pilot will cover Liverpool region (all duty solicitor schemes) and the Boston (Lincolnshire) scheme for all duty solicitor police station work excluding indictable only cases and those cases where the time of interview is known at the point that the request for a duty solicitor is made.

The pilot will also cover all duty solicitor work nationally where the General Criminal Contract currently states that the matter should be limited to telephone advice.

These matters will be referred to CDS Direct rather than Duty Solicitors. CDS Direct advisors will then provide initial telephone advice before deciding if a solicitor should be deployed to attend the client at the police station.

When CDS Direct refers a case to a solicitor, that solicitor will not (except in very limited circumstances) be able to claim for telephone advice. However, in all cases where CDS Direct refers the matter to them they will be able to claim what is termed a "CDS Direct Telephone Acceptance Fee".

### ***Details of Change***

The "CDS Direct Telephone Acceptance Fee" will be claimable for all cases that CDS Direct advisors refer to a solicitor.

The fee is £8.00 (£9.40 including VAT). Please note this fee is a one off payment and the rate is the same for suppliers based inside and outside London.

The "CDS Direct Telephone Acceptance Fee" will not replace the current police station fixed fee payment as in some albeit very limited cases (e.g. where CDS Direct has a conflict of interest) both fees will be claimable.

Software suppliers therefore need to enable suppliers to claim this fee.

There will be no changes to claim codes or hourly rates as a result of this change.

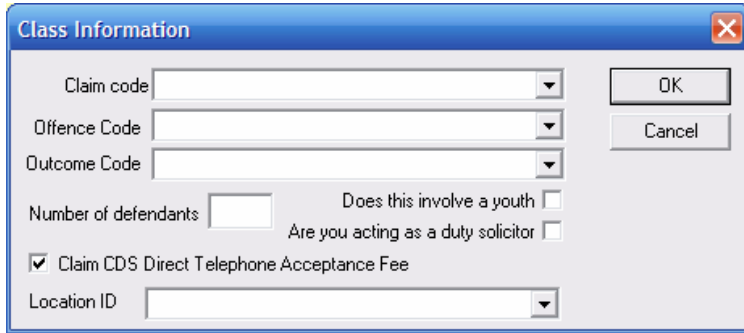
### ***Timescales***

CDS Direct will commence at 9.00am on 31 October 2005. This change will therefore apply to all acts of Police Station Advice and Assistance that take place from 9:00am 31 October 2005.

**CDS Crime System Update 28 - DPS Changes**

***Implementation***

This update contains changes to DPS to enable users to claim CDS Direct Telephone Acceptance Fees. This is applied by selecting the tick box in the Class Information screen as shown below:



The screenshot shows a 'Class Information' dialog box with the following fields and controls:

- Claim code: [dropdown menu]
- Offence Code: [dropdown menu]
- Outcome Code: [dropdown menu]
- Number of defendants: [text input]
- Does this involve a youth:
- Are you acting as a duty solicitor:
- Claim CDS Direct Telephone Acceptance Fee:
- Location ID: [dropdown menu]
- Buttons: OK, Cancel

This screen is accessed through the Open/Close Class Information screen.