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Happy New Year

We would like wish you all a happy New Year and hope you all had a well deserved, relaxing break. We look forward to working with you this year to provide high quality legal aid services for our clients.

Reminder about what you do if you move to another firm

We wish to remind you that when you move to another law firm you must notify us by emailing legalaidprovider@justice.govt.nz within 5 working days. It is also good practice to inform your clients and to notify the local legal aid office in advance of the move.

This notification requirement is set out in Clause 4.8.2 of the Legal Aid Provider Contract for Services. Depending on the situation and client requests, the managing grants officer at the local legal aid office needs to decide whether clients remain with the lawyer that is moving firms, are reassigned to another approved provider at the same law firm, or are reassigned to a new approved provider at a different law firm.

Legal aid clients remain the responsibility of the individual, assigned lead provider until they are reassigned. By notifying us of any changes to your employment you can ensure minimal disruption to your clients and your practice.

Queries?

If you have queries about any article in this newsletter, please contact legalaidnews@justice.govt.nz.

