Platform Change to the Police Detention Legal Assistance (PDLA) roster

The PDLA roster will be published on the Ministry of Justice website from 30 November 2023

Introduction

The Ministry of Justice (the Ministry) will be changing the platform where the PDLA roster is hosted and published from 30 November 2023. The purpose of this change is to improve user experience, and effectively manage the roster.

Changes to the PDLA Roster

Changing the platform where the rosters are published will allow the Ministry to better maintain the roster. The roster has also been modernised to improve user experience. However, many of the functions of the roster have remained unchanged.

There has been no operational or policy changes made that will affect Ministry stakeholders (Police, PDLA lawyers, Legal Aid Services).

Using the PDLA Roster

The PDLA roster will be published on this Ministry webpage from 30 November 2023: justice.govt.nz/about/lawyers-and-service-providers/legal-aid-lawyers/police-detention-legal-assistance-roster

The existing URL to the roster will redirect you to the new webpage automatically.

General information regarding PDLA can be found on the Ministry webpage: justice.govt.nz/about/lawyers-and-service-providers/legal-aid-lawyers/pdla/

PDLA Holiday Roster

From 6pm Friday 15 December 2023 until 6am Monday 8 January 2024 a national roster will be in practice to replace all regional PDLA rosters. This will run in a similar manner to previous years.

There will be an overriding roster during this period. During this time, the existing link to the PDLA roster will automatically redirect to this overriding holiday roster.

Questions and feedback

It is important for the Ministry to understand how well this approach to the PDLA service works, so please send any feedback or complaints to the Ministry at duty.lawyer@justice.govt.nz and Police’s PDLA email address at PDLAIssues@police.govt.nz.

If you have any further questions about these changes, please email duty.lawyer@justice.govt.nz and PDLAIssues@police.govt.nz.