

## Family Graduated Fee Scheme Reductions [corrected]

| Action   | Effect (based on 07-08 bills paid)                   | Background Data   |
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| <b>Public Law</b>  |  |   |
| Abolish "more than two parties" SIP in public law  | £6.4m pa reduction                                   | Suggested by the FLBA and Sir Mark Potter   |
| Re-invest most of the funding from the "more than two parties" SIP into care proceedings base fees | TBC (anything in excess of £6.5m total pa reduction) | Remaining public law SIPs will multiply any base fee increases, so we need to discount a proportion of whatever we invest to account for this, or we will reinvest more than intended |
| <b>Private Law</b>   |  |   |
| Reduce all Private Law Children and Ancillary Relief SIPs by 50%                                   | £5.1m pa reduction                                   | Private Law SIPs are running at 170% of the level intended (public law are at 115% of the level intended)   |
| Reduce all Private Law Children and Ancillary Relief base fees and bolt-on fees by 7% <sup>1</sup> | £2.9m pa reduction                                   | 7% of £42m. Total expenditure on Private Law has increased by over 24% in the last five years.  |
| Abolish Special Preparation Fees in Private Law Children and Ancillary Relief cases                | £1.8m pa reduction                                   | Private Law Children and Ancillary Relief SPF claims are running at 590% of that intended   |
| Abolish the "conduct" SIP in Private Law Children cases  | £3.2m pa reduction                                   | This SIP is running at 145% of the level intended, and is the most over-spent SIP.  |
| Abolish Court Bundle Payments in Private Law Children and Ancillary Relief cases                   | £2.8m pa reduction                                   | Private Law CBPs are running at 122% of the level intended.   |

<sup>1</sup> This reduction would not apply to SIPs, Settlement Supplements, or the High Court uplift (as these act as multipliers, so any reduction to the base and hearing unit fees would also affect these multipliers indirectly), but it would apply to all other bolt-ons i.e. Court Bundle Payments, Financial Dispute Resolution Payments, Incidental Payments and Special Preparation Fees.