

From the Chief Executive



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Dear Chris

LSB Information Requirement

Thank you for your letter of 17 April 2012.

Please find enclosed the full, amended agreement between the Law Society and SRA.

We have discussed this issue with the Law Society and as part of those discussions the Law Society have confirmed that the Chief Executive could properly agree this amendment to the protocol without prior approval from the Council or the Management Board. Similarly, I have discussed this issue with Charles, and he has agreed to this amendment, on behalf of the SRA Board. The change to the protocol will, of course, be reported to the Council, Management Board and SRA Board at their next meetings.

In terms of monitoring the number and nature of information requests, the Law Society and SRA have a long standing arrangement that significant requests for information are directed to Sarah Plant in my office. As such, Sarah will monitor number and nature of the requests and raise any issues with me should they arise.

As I set out in my letter of 13 April, there are many informal conversations that take place on a day-to-day basis between Law Society and SRA staff in which information may be requested and shared. We would not include such day-to-day requests as part of our monitoring. Therefore, the phrase 'all requests' should be taken to mean only those significant requests for information from the Law Society.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Peter Beddows and Des Hudson.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Antony Townsend".

ANTONY TOWNSEND
Chief Executive, SRA

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