STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2019 No. 123

LEGAL AID AND ADVICE

The Magistrates' Courts and County Court Appeals (Criminal Legal Aid) (Costs) (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2019

Made - - - -	*28th June 2019*
Coming into operation	*22nd July 2019*

The Department of Justice makes the following Rules in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 36(3) of the Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**1**) and now vested in it(**2**).

In accordance with Article 36(3) of that Order, the Department has consulted with the Lord Chief Justice, the Attorney General, the County Court Rules Committee and the Magistrates' Courts Rules Committee and it has obtained the approval of the Department of Finance.

In accordance with Article 37 of that Order, the Department has had regard to the matters specified in that Article.

Citation and Commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Magistrates' Courts and County Court Appeals (Criminal Legal Aid) (Costs) (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2019 and shall come into operation on 22nd July 2019.

Amendment to the Magistrates' Courts and County Court Appeals (Criminal Legal Aid) (Costs) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2009

2. The Magistrates' Courts and County Court Appeals (Criminal Legal Aid) (Costs) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2009(**3**) are amended as follows.

3. In Schedule 1, for paragraph 18A, substitute—

"**Fine Default Hearings and Referral Hearings**

18A.—(1) This paragraph applies where a criminal aid certificate was granted for—

(a) a Fine Default Hearing; or

(**1**) S.I. 1981/228 (N.I. 8).
(**2**) S.I. 1982/159 and S.I. 2010/976.
(**3**) S.R. 2009 No. 313 which was amended by S.R. 2014 No. 178 and S.R 2016 No. 398.