

## Legal aid statistics October – December 2025

Now that the LAA's systems have been restored, National Statistics have been able to publish some [legal aid statistics](#). However, data on Crime Lower, Civil Representation, Legal Help and Mediation are still unavailable.

They have published details of the overall payments made during the period for each scheme and contingency payments made. Comparisons have been made between the closed claim total expenditure usually released and these payments. Across all schemes the total payments are of the same magnitude; but while similar, it is not possible to breakdown payments information further. National Statistics warn that the two numbers are not strictly comparable and so a cautious approach should be taken to interpretation.

**Civil representation** figures are the average payment contingency within the management information and also within the bulletin, based on an estimate for when work was completed.

£639m overall payments were made for civil representation during Apr-Dec 2025

This compares to £695m closed claim expenditure in the same period the year before.

**Legal help and controlled legal representation** figures are not available. Payments for the whole period Apr-Dec are shown to give an indication of magnitude for contingency payments.

£97m overall payments were made for legal help during Apr-Dec 2025.

This compares to £88m closed claim expenditure in the same period the year before.

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**Mediation start, assessment and outcome** figures are not available. Payments for the whole period Apr-Dec are shown to give an indication of magnitude for contingency payments.

£5.4m overall payments were made for mediation during Apr-Dec 2025.

This compares to £4.8m closed claim expenditure in the same period the year before.

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**Exceptional Case Funding**

914 applications were received in the last quarter.

This was a 11% increase from the same quarter last year. It was driven by an increase in the inquest category.

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