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(0:00 - 0:39)
Hello?

00:03
Hello, is that Simon.

00:04
Yeah Speaking

00:04
Simon Cordell

00:05
Yeah speaking.

00:08
Okay, I'm just going to put you though to Rosie Now in the legal aid team, hang on a moment while I transfer the call!

00:12
Ok, thank you.

00:12
Hang on one moment.

00:14
You have been put on hold.

00:45
Hi, is that Simon?

00:46 yeah speaking, how are you doing?

00:47
Oh, hi Simon, I'm alright, thanks for yourself.

00:51
I'm alright, just trying to get through this stormy weather.

00:54 Right, yeah, not too bad in Manchester, it's a bit grey, but still.

01:01
Right, so I was just firstly clarifying on the lawyer's point of view, as there's is a suggestion that we're doing Fake Ro Order CRM 14 15 to obtain legal aid.

01:14
Yes

01:15
Right

01:15
It’s that I have actually been given two certificates for two cases, and I was told that they were self-referral forms, but I've actually contacted Legal Aid, because I noticed that they have Legal Aid addressed on them, and Legal Aid has checked all of their computer systems and everything, and said that these cases, and they never issued these certificates, that these aren’t self-referral CM14s or 15s, that they're actually certificates of their address on them, and that they're not issued on their computer by themselves, therefore they're not real.

01:50
Yeah, so firstly, they will not have a record of this, purely because this legal aid was granted by a lawyer that resolved powers.

02:01
yes but

02:03 so I'm not sure if you have already heard.

(2:01 - 3:34)
Yes, but they've already spoken to me about, they're saying that the LLA Hack itself,

02:09
Yes

02:09
I understand about that, but what they're actually saying is, users are allowed to sign CM14s and CM15s, they're self-referral forms that use lot made me sign my signature on, and users lot can stockpile them while the LA Act was ongoing, but what you have actually produced to me, is actually a certificate, an RO certificate, with Legal Aid's address on it, saying that Legal Aid has sent this from their address,

02:35
Right

02:35
and they are not CRM self-referral forms that you're referring to now, they are fraudulent documents, and they are not on Legal Aid's...

02:44
Could you just refer to what document it is, is it a document that you've received from Tuckers?

02:49
I've received two documents from Tuckers, they are RO1, RO1 by Tuckers.

02:52
Right

02:53

Yes, so these are the ones that were drawn during the Hack, so basically, because your case was at the Magistrate's Court, and you weren't represented, that meant that we could use our powers...

03:11
No, Madam, Madam, I've been on to... I'm sorry to be rude, but I'm not going to be fiddled about, because I've actually gone online, and I've actually gone to the forms that users are supposed to fill in, and there's clear instructions for use lot, telling you what a self-referral form is, and what is a certificate. Use lot cannot address yourself as "legal Aid" and write "Legal Aid Agency use the legal aid agency address and stamp yourself,

03:35
Yeah we can

03:35
I've spoken to them, and they said...

03:39
Mutter

03:39
No, they said...

03:40
I will tell you what I will do.

03:40
You're only allowed CRM 14s and 15s.

03:43
Have you got an email address, Simon?

03:43
Yes, re underscore,

03:46
Can I just check?

03:46
Re_wired@ymail.com

03:50
Right, let me email the Legal Aid agency, and I will "CC" yourself into it, because we don't do fake legal aid.

03:54
Yeah, but these are not CRM... I've got CRM 14, which is a self-referral form, which you're allowed to stockpile. What you've produced to me is a real certificate. That's the only people that can issue...

04:06
you did not need a CRM 14 and crm15, as you was on benefit.

(4:08 - 4:34)
Yeah, so I signed a CRM 14 or 15 in the police station.
You're allowed to stockpile these, but you're not allowed to pretend that you're Legal Aid and address yourselves as a certificate from the... What you lot cannot do is issue yourselves your own certificate.

04:29
That's what we're advised to do on the certificate of credit.

Si Note:

Question:
Is this true or wrong and why: you did not need a CRM 14 and crm15, as you was on benefit.

Answer:
It's *wrong*. Being on benefits does *not* automatically remove the need for a CRM14 and CRM15.
Those forms are still required in most criminal legal-aid applications because the Legal Aid Agency must assess both **Interests of Justice** (CRM14) and **financial eligibility** (CRM15), even if the applicant receives benefits.

Why the statement is wrong?
1. CRM14 is always required
CRM14 is the *main* criminal legal-aid application.
It covers:
- The **Interests of Justice test**
- Basic personal details
- Case information

Everyone applying for criminal legal aid must complete a CRM14.
There is no exemption for people on benefits.
2. CRM15 is usually still required even if you receive benefits
CRM15 is the **financial statement**.
If someone receives certain *passporting benefits* (e.g., Universal Credit, Income Support, ESA (IR), JSA (IB)), they may be *automatically financially eligible*, but the LAA still requires the CRM15 to record:
- What benefit they receive?
- Evidence of that benefit
- Confirmation of no other income

So, benefits do not remove the need for the form — they simply make the financial test easier to pass.
3. The LAA requires evidence, not assumptions
The Legal Aid Agency cannot rely on someone saying, "I'm on benefits."
They must record it formally on the CRM15 and verify it.
4. Solicitors are required to submit both forms unless using the new online system
The GOV.UK guidance confirms CRM14 + CRM15 are the standard pair for criminal legal-aid applications. GOV.UK
Bottom line

The statement “you did not need a CRM14 and CRM15 because you were on benefits” is incorrect.
You *still* need them — benefits simply make the financial assessment straightforward. If you want, I can explain exactly which benefits “passport” you through the financial test and what evidence the LAA normally asks for.

04:38
No, you cannot... It's very clear on their website when you go to it what you lot are supposed to follow and what rules you're supposed to follow. It's very clear that you are allowed to fill in the CRM 14 and the CRM 15, and you're allowed to stockpile this. What you are not allowed to do is sign yourself your own certificate.

04:51
You're supposed to send these people them over to them when you're ready, and they will issue the certificate.

04:56
No

04:56
You are not allowed to create certificates. You are not allowed to write that you are ...

04:59
No, under the Contingency Simon from when the legal ais portal was hacked there was no way for us to make the applications`

05:05
So, anyone who's on benefits, whose case was staying in the magistrate, we were advised that we could self-grant the legal aid.

05:18
Yes, yes, the self-grant clearly means to fill out your self-referral forms, and in your self-referral forms, you're supposed to have audited trials of everything that you are doing so that when that solicitor attended the police station from the under Section 4A, it should be an audited trial to this certificate and this URN, and you LOT are supposed to have your books in a stable manner. You are allowed to stockpile self-referral forms, CRM 14s and 15s, but what you're not allowed to do is...

05:46
I know what we are allowed to do.

05:46
You're not allowed to issue your own certificates.

05:49
Yeah we are.

05:49
You've got to send them to legal aid... Because you'd never be paid for the job. The only way you could ever be paid, or money could ever go into your accounts is once you've

sent that certificate and it's registered at Legal Aid. There's no way for you being paid for this stuff. So, you lot are telling me that the whole company has never been paid?

06:07
Simon It was under the Contingency because the legal aid website got Hacked

06:11
Yeah, I've been to all the websites and followed all of the sites. I spoke to Legal Aid themselves.

06:13
Right

06:14
We've been through the whole lot of it.

06:16
Right, there is no point in arguing with me.

06:17
What this says is... Madam, what this says is "Legal Aid Agency
Crime Applications Team
23 Stephenson Street
Birmingham
B2 4BH.
You are not Birmingham. You are not 23 Stephenson Street.

06:30
And you are a solicitor firm, and you should know that you are not allowed to file an address while pretending you are other companies.

06:34
Right Simon, Simon

06:34
there is no point in having this conversation is there because you are not listening.

06:37
I am listening, Madam.

06:37
I will tell you what I'm going to do, I will email the Legal Aid Agency, and I will "CC" you into it so you got the full information and then I can explain it on that and I can tell you what I've said is that we are allowed to do what we have done by creating the self-referral certificate.

06:53
No, you are not. I've spoken to everybody.
I've checked online. I've been to the websites.

06:59
Mutter

06:59
I'll forward you an email right now to your email address and I'll send you all of the rules that you have to comply with

07:05
I know how to do my job.

07:05
and what you're not allowed to do and what you are allowed to do.

07:09
So how do you get paid for this job, Madam? How do you get paid for it?

07:15
I don't need you to tell me my rules when I know my job.

07:16
Madam, you've fulfilled the elements in wrong, Madam.

07:19
Hey

07:19
So, you're taking ultimate responsibility for this because you're saying that even though you're a human, you might not have made a mistake. But how does your company get paid for any of this work that you're doing if you're making your...

07:33
we're getting paid under the Contingency

07:34
No, it was not listen to this.
You're only allowed to back stockpile self-referral forms, CR14s and 15s. You are not allowed to pretend that you're another company and actually issue the certificates. You have to send the self-referral forms over.

07:45
Yes we are.

07:45
Once you send the self-referral forms over, then Legal Aid will attach that to the URN number, and they will send you out the certificates. That means that your company gets paid money. How do you get paid money for anybody

07:57
Simon

07:57
you're issuing your own self-referrals and your own certificates?

08:02

Simon you not listening to me are you? This was under the contingency when we did not have a legal Aid system in place ...

08:07
You're still not applying, you still have not put the receipt in for it!

(8:06 - 8:16)
So, you've still not put the receipt in for it. So, you've still not put the receipt in because it isn't on Legal Aid's system.

08:12
That's all I can say about Legal Aid because I don't know what certificate you are on about!

08:19
Madam, may I say something? I've been given case files and they were fraudulent. I was arrested for... I was at my front door, and the police have shouted through the door front door while it was closed . I was arrested for harassment, so forget that the front door was closed and I was not behind it, but I've been taken to hospital. I've got the body for when I was arrested, and it proves I was arrested for harassment as well.

08:40
I've got taken to the hospital and two days later, different staff took over. When they booked me in at the police station they booked me in for a section 4A.
Which was completely different for the reason I was arrested. Your solicitor firm attended and it's clear in the custody that you were attended, and you wrote a prepared statement for section 4A. I've got all the prepared statements and everything.
Not for threats to cause criminal damage. yeah.

09:07
Are you there still, Madam?

09:10
Yeah, yeah I'm listening.

09:10
And do you know what's happened? He's left the police station. He's left the police station.
Your solicitor firm has. Now a day later while your solicitor firm... I've got all the notes. The police trying to contact you, but your saying were not attending again!
A day later the CPS has reviewed the case and allowed no further action under that URM which you lot are being paid for.
Now the police officer rather than release me or further arrest me he swapped it for threats to cause criminal damage and you lot weren't even present. You lot wouldn't even attend the police station. You've already won the case under the URN.

09:41
That URN now is supposed to be submitted to the legal aid agency and if I try to use it ever again for any other case it should bounce. But because you haven't put your receipt in and now me and my next solicitor now that's taken over the case.
If we put it in for threats to cause we put in the first slot which is illegal.

You lot technically need to put in the receipt for what work you lot have done. You're not allowed to issue leg ail aid certificates as much as you believe that you are.
You're allowed to bill stockpile self-referral forms, and you're supposed to send them over to Legal Aid Agency and then they will issue the certificates once the LA A hack is over and that the systems are operational.
The systems are well operational by now so why haven't you put the receipt in for the first and why are you leaving me in a place to be able to reuse the URN?

10:29
Noise

10:29
When you say a receipt do you mean the bill?

10:33
Yes you bill, how you're going to get paid for it? How your company gets paid and what you actually are being paid for.

10:38
You can't be paid for a crime and offence that you never even was at the police station for! When your person has attended the police station he's seen section 4A in the custody logs and he's wrote a prepared statement to that fact I'm defending Simon we've been interviewed he's left then you lot have been contacted loads and loads and loads CPS have dropped the charge they're completely no further action I'm supposed to walk out but instead of walking out I'm thrown back into a cell and I'm charged with a swap offence with a new criminal offence no appropriate adult comes none of you lot come and now somehow you've given me an RO order with a new offence on it but if I send you a copy of the of the custody logs now and of the prepared statement you see you are in so much trouble for what's actually happening you're about to set yourselves completely up, when all you've got to do is put the right receipt into what you really attended for and then go away from it

11:31
Right, I don't know what referring to um there as I literally deal with just legal aid.
So that maybe a separate issue that's not something that I cannot obviously deal with all I can tell you about is legal aid um.

11:46
you lot can’t take on a trip sorry go on sorry Madam I apologise.

11:51
I cannot actually see that we have attended any police station for you on either of these two cases!

11:54
the woman just told me just now on the 02/08/2025 I was arrested at my home address, I was arrested at my home address, I was taken to police station um to the hospital on the 3rd and kept there till early hours. Your solicitor, a
chef
has come from another department, I've got all of his details here, from the custody log, was contacted as duty solicitor yeah, he attended, he's looked at the custody log, and

he's seen section 4A under the 1861 Act, and then he's basically defended me, wrote a prepared statement, which is very clear, so that's why he was there.
He has left the police station, now the next day after CPS's review, on the next day, CPS has said I am allowed to go home, now this threat to cause criminal damage gets slotted in, and it is very clear on the custody log, it is so obvious from the statement from your attending office.

12:50
yes

12:50
Now all of a sudden, when I am speaking to you on the phone, and I'm trying to have a meeting with you, I'm saying to you, this is a swap charge. I recorded the minutes of the meeting with Nicole Wendell, and she's going to me, oh it's legal for them to swap the charge while we're not there.
She's a trainee solicitor, I've met loads of these in my life experience. Andrew Benetton was supposed to be overviewing her, and then Andrew Benetton, because she's got so much trouble, because I've recorded the conversation, clearly she's condemning against them, and she's even saying, oh you was only nicked for section 4A, that's what you was arrested for, and all the rest of it. I'm going, yeah but now why is she saying threat to cause criminal damage after you left and it was no threat, and she's going, it doesn't matter, they can do that.
I'm going, no they can't, this is illegal. Now I've recorded all that, I've transcribed, it's so condemning, it's unreal. Now all of a sudden, Andrew Benetton tries to protect her, and you sort of pop up with a fake RO Order, with threats to cause criminal damage, when you lot did not even attend, wasn't present, and your real reason was, as Nicole says down the phone, in the recording, "***oh it says here, section 4A, it says that the solicitor attended, the sheriff attended the police station because of this, and because none of you views are contradicting yourselves***," and you clearly had the record of Nicole Wendell was clearly going through them and reading them to me in an hour and a half meeting!

14:07
It's so unfair. This is illegal.

14:11
Alright Simon, um have you got another solicitor?

14:18
Right now, no solicitor I will not let my solicitor, I can't use my solicitor, I can't use this URN because, I know use lot should have put your receipt in for this URN already.
And now when I go to with my new solicitor to apply for legal aid under the new threats charge, the judge, it should always say that URN number's used, and you lot already claimed for your time for the section 4A, which the custody logs prove you attended for, and even Nicole said in the recording, but now someone swapped it for something when use lot weren't even present a day later, and use lot are trying to act on that.

Now I can't put legal aid in because use lot need to go and put your receipts in for what you really defended in the case you really one for me. Now when I tried with my new solicitor, it would show that this case that I've got the tag on for is illegal and is should not be happening!

15:00
Yeah? Right. Simon, if you disagree with it, I'll send you, I'm going to go through the files and I'm goanna email the legal aid agency and yourself as well. And also, because legal aid was granted during the Contingency.

(15:17 - 16:19)
No, they wasn't granted for this, they were granted for section 4A, not for threats to cause criminal damage. Use lot did not attend the police station.

15:24
Right

15:25
It's clear in the custody log that use lot were phoned multiple times and asked to attend, and you've all said we're not attending the police.
I can read the logs myself, it says you're not attending, you're not attending, that's after the case was no further actioned, so now why have you got a different charge on that when all of your attending solicitors knew it Nicole who was in your office, that I've never met was reading the same files you're reading and she's telling me this is for section 4A now why has everyone swapped it all of a sudden and what is actually going on here?
If you're in charge of legal aid, can you put receipts are you going to put receipts in for section 4A or are you putting them in for the threats that cause criminal damage?

16:02
I don't do the billing!

16:04
I'm not I'm going to put this to the SRA and I'm going to send this right back to the list of people I'm about to send this to and all the others.

16:10
that's fine.

16:10
because I've took the custody logs and I've submitted them in the case file, and I can prove what I'm saying so evidently from the evidence use lot gave me.

16:13
No Simon that's fine, you do what you need to do.

16:22
But what are use lot going to do?
What did use lot attend the police station for?
Is it the same as what Nicole says and what the prepared statement says?
Or is it now for threats to cause criminal damage?

16:35
I can't see any record of us having attended the or of us sending you files from what I'm looking at.

16:41
any police station on the 2nd?

16:42
No, I've got that we represented you for the first time.

16:48
Which is for what?
On what day?
That's what I'm on about!

16:51
That was at the Highbury Magistrate court on the 04th of August 25

16:56
So, all of the original files are deleted you're saying?

17:00
that is the one file, well it would not be deleted it just usually means that if there is no records that we attended the police station then that means that we have not! but I need to look get my collages because I've not got access to the logs for the police station on the dates your saying this happened.

17:13
I can tell you now on my website, I've got a website every email, every correspondence every telephone call I've had I've recorded, I've transcribed and it is so well documented in my website it's unrealistic I've paginated every email and I've done a slight description of what's happened, I've got timelines I've got everything clear here yeah. The custody logs are so condemning that use lot acted on my behalf for this to be happening now there's some misinformed information happening and none of us make a bearing on what's happening and truthfully you should be able to do that.

17:49
Yeah I need to look into this about what you have been saying, and I will email you and I will email legal aid into it

17:55
You are in charge of legal aid, is that correct? You are in charge of legal aid and for Tuckers Solicitors

18:02
No, I am not.

18:02
and anything that's going through should go through you Is that correct?

18:06
know I'm not unfortunately.

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And what they Done

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and anything that is going through should go through you Is that correct?

18:06
Know I am not unfortunately!
Muttering
should go through you No, but not everything comes through me There is a correct path but not everything comes from where that is taken.

18:13
so, there is a legal aid part.
Muttering

18:18
that is a lot.

18:18
So, I need to look into it, um to see about the police station that you are saying that we attended for you, but we have not got any records off it, um and to also email you and legal aid about the legal aid.

18:29
Wood Green

18:30
Because the case we got is what was produced for that legal aid!

18:37
It’s not. if you are insuring them, you have no way of ever claiming a receipt for it Your company has not because.

18:45
they all just get stored under in the cupboard until the portal is ready for them all to be uploaded.

18:47
So why haven't you submitted those receipts?

18:48
I am going to end the conversation because we are just going around in circles.

18:48
I am going to end the conversation because we are just going around in circles are we not we?

18:48
well, ok I am going to have to let,

18:52
Mutter
hem online for you

18:53
ok

18:53
Then I could put it into writing then

18:56
from our perspective what's happened and then the legal aid agency can do

19:04
when it's delivered that that's it it's not an incorrect and it's not fully aware of it I am fully aware of it I'm fully fully aware of it I've studied it, I've done a degree on it

I'll get that I'll get that via email but I am on my own today

I appreciate that you've even contacted me to be honest because I'm more than on my foot Thank you,
I'm going to take that to my own

No worries, well I've got your email address and I will be sending you an email on Thursday
I'm getting home on Thursday, I'm on my own no one else can help I'll get this booked in Yeah

I can hear you perfectly I'll get this booked in too Thank you, thank you Alright, thanks Simon See you later, bye