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## ***Winding up of the local lawyer incentive payment as of January 31, 2020***

The Local Lawyer Incentive Payment that LSS introduced in October 2018 to encourage more lawyers to take family and child protection contracts will be eliminated as of January 31, 2020.

### **Background**

The incentive program was introduced in response to the Attorney General's direction that LSS set aside \$1 million in its 2018/19 budget for tariff incentives. LSS determined that the money could be best used to encourage lawyers to take more contracts in communities where LSS has difficulty placing family and child protection cases.

LSS is of the view that the general tariff increase negotiated with the Association of Legal Aid Lawyers (ALL) provides a greater incentive to lawyers to take family and child protection cases in their home communities than the specific incentive bonus.

The Attorney General has now directed that LSS redirect the \$1 million incentive payment plan towards the tariff increase negotiated with ALL.

As always, we welcome your feedback regarding the *LSS Tariffs*. If you have any comments, please email [lawyersresources@lss.bc.ca](mailto:lawyersresources@lss.bc.ca).

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