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Dear Consultee

Correction to Consultative Document on Scale Costs

As you are aware the 'Consultative Document on Scale Costs' outlines County Court Rules Committee proposals to align scale costs with the forthcoming revised jurisdiction of the county court and to implement a two staged increase of costs in line with inflation.

The Committee has identified calculation errors in **Appendix 4** of the consultative document which also appear in Appendix 2 of the Initial Integrated Impact Assessment. In year 2 of the comparative table of solicitor's costs, the figures for the bands **£20,001 – £25,000** and **£25,001 – £30,000** are incorrect. The correct figures for the proposed scale costs in these bands should be **£4375** and **£4827** respectively.

While these errors are unfortunate the figures in year 1 are correct and the basis for their increase in year 2 is clearly set out in the consultative paper (see paragraph 4.19) and in Appendix 4 (an inflationary rise of 4.925%).

Copies of Appendix 2 and Appendix 4 as amended are attached for your information.

Copies are also available at www.courtsni.gov.uk.

The closing date for receipt of comments for the consultative document is **30 September 2011**. Responses should be addressed to:

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Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Siobhan Broderick', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Secretary to the County Court Rules Committee