

SRA comment dated 18 April 2019 in response to the Legal Services Consumer Panel (LSCP) correspondence dated 11 April 2019

Thank you for contacting us in relation to the letter your Chair received from the Legal Services Consumer Panel (the Panel) on 11 April 2019.

Having reviewed the Panel's letter, we have the following comments to make at this stage:

- We do have a Whistleblowing Policy - <http://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/enforcement/solicitor-report/whistleblowing-to-the-sra.page>.
- As part of the overall Reporting Concerns work we are undertaking, we have committed to updating our guidance on whistleblowing. We want to make sure that it reflects up-to-date law and practice and provides support to those wishing to bring concerns to our attention, often in difficult circumstances.
- Carol Westrop and I are heading up a cross-directorate project team which will be responsible for drafting a new Reporting Policy, which will specifically include guidance on whistleblowing. This project is very much in its infancy, having been launched a few weeks ago, so we very much welcome the Panel's suggestions set out in its letter to you.
- We would be happy to meet with the Panel and/or you to discuss our proposals in more detail, if that would assist.