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## Consultation

**Draft strategy for legal services regulation and draft business plan for 2021-22**

**Response to Consultation from the Solicitors Sole Practitioners Group (SPG)**

Dear Sirs

I am an Executive Committee Member of the SPG and am writing in response to the above-mentioned consultation on behalf of the SPG which in turn is responding to the consultation in its representative capacity representing our sole practitioner solicitor members.

We have considered the response to the consultation from **the Law Society** which we support and adopt by way of our own response to the consultation.

We would add that the SPG would very much like to be involved as a stakeholder with the LSB as it considers the responses to the consultation and decides how to proceed.

Furthermore, we would want to emphasise the need for the LSB to consider how sole practitioner solicitors can be empowered to provide legal services of the highest standard and be subject to a regulatory oversight which maintains quality of service and protection for consumers of legal services but at the same time is not unnecessarily intrusive or burdensome.

A particular point of concern is the position in regard to professional indemnity insurance which due to very restrictive conditions set by the SRA is making it unnecessarily difficult for many sole practitioners to obtain which in turn limits the number of legal service providers available to consumers of legal services.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours faithfully

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