

Ministry of Justice, the Independent Review and the New Framework

Following this morning's meet with the MoJ, NRPSI has permission to publish the details of the Independent Review and the proposed New Framework, all to come into operation in October 2026.

Please read:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/independent-technical-review-of-qualifications-and-experience-requirements-for-the-provision-of-spoken-language-interpreting/independent-technical-review-of-qualifications-and-experience-requirements-for-the-provision-of-spoken-language-interpreting>

Take time to read the newsletter from May 2023 (<https://nrpsi.cmail20.com/t/t-e-zvdrtd-l-n/>), when you were first introduced to the new proposed framework and had a chance to explore the current framework (<https://www.nrpsi.org.uk/news-posts/The-current-MOJ-languages-framework-click-here-for-the-details.html>), which is being kept on until Oct 2026.

Of note is the default of Level 6 for key language roles in the new framework, and if no qualifications for the language, then proven experience has to be reviewed – by the holder of the contract.

This is a fine example of change brought about by being stubborn, digging our heels in, a tough social media campaign in 2021/2022 which many of you supported with letters to your MPs, collectively sharing and liking the social media posts, and then collaborative activity under the PI4J umbrella and regular dialogue with the MoJ.

New standards will come in to place for the handling of MoJ's language needs in October 2026; good news.

From now to 2026, what improvements can we expect to see?

The MoJ is still stubbornly reluctant to take on board support for an independent regulator.

Proposed action plan and next important steps are:

- From now to Oct 2026; how well are language services in the MoJ going to be handled
- Which agency will win the contract – or will it be a series of geo regions with different agencies, mirroring PAIT
- Should there be an independent regulator of commercial agencies appointed by the MoJ
- Terms and conditions
- Remuneration
- Driving for improvements in the Oct 26 framework
- Gaining acceptance of the need for recognition of NRPSI and its role
- Support launch of a Level 3 regulator and register

Please let us have your thoughts and any points to fill out the above proposed action plan as outlined above. By emailing mike@nrpsi.org.uk. We will announce the date for next Town Hall soon and this new framework will be a key talk-point

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