



👉 Vetting of police interpreters

Representatives of Professional Interpreters for Justice (PI4J), including NRPSI, had their latest meeting with the National Police Chiefs Council Strategic Group for Language Services on 14 November 2017. Among other matters, there was a discussion about the vetting of police interpreters. As reported in the Registrants' Newsletter #39 (February 2016), the policy is that **all interpreters working for the police should be vetted to NPPV3** (Non-Police Personnel Vetting level 3) as a minimum.



This vetting is now carried out via Warwickshire Police for all police forces other than the Metropolitan Police, which has its own vetting process. Interpreters who have been cleared to NPPV3 at the request of one police force (or supplier) do not need to obtain NPPV vetting from any other force or supplier. Interpreters who are currently vetted to NPPV2 will be able to continue working for the police, but when this clearance expires they will be cleared to NPPV3. Due to the extended timescale required to carry out this level of vetting, interpreters are advised to start the application process at least four months before their current NPPV expires. Interpreters new to this sector who wish to work for the police should contact the supplier holding the interpreting contract for their local police force, as the supplier now instigates the vetting process. PI4J has requested a process be established for vetting those interpreters who do not wish to work via suppliers, or who operate in areas where there is no contracted supplier.

👉 Credit card charge removed early

From 13 January 2018, **new legislation** will come into effect that prevents organisations from adding a surcharge to **payments made by credit card** to cover the charges that they must pay to third parties to process such transactions. To help Registrants wishing to pay their renewals by credit card, NRPSI is removing the surcharge one month ahead of the new legislation coming into force. This means that any payments made after 15 December 2017 will not incur the card processing fee previously charged. For more information about this change, **please read our FAQs.**



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👉 NUPIT event for public service interpreters on 27 January 2018

NUPIT – a branch of the trade union Unite – is organising an **event for public service interpreters (PSIs)**. This is an opportunity for PSIs to express their views and ideas about the current working conditions of interpreters and to inform the discussions on this subject. **For more details see our website** or email nupit@unitetheunion.org.

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👉 Annual Accounts

The NRPSI Annual Accounts for the 2016-2017 financial year have been submitted to Companies House. Registrants can access a copy via the Interpreter's Room and the section marked 'Board of Directors' meetings'. This copy includes more detailed information (i.e. a separate analysis of expenditure, produced by our company accountant) than the version that is available via the Companies House website. NRPSI made a small surplus in this financial year. Since becoming an independent organisation, NRPSI's accounts have shown a loss in three years and a surplus in three years.



👉 Security clearance update: CRBs dated 2012

We had a great response to our **email notification about CRBs dated 2012** and would like to thank all Registrants who have provided updated clearances for helping us to keep their records up to date.

👉 NRPSI's new location and Christmas opening times

We have now moved to our **new office location in London**. If you wish to hand deliver registration documents to the Registration Team, please telephone first to ensure that there will be someone available to meet with you. **Please note that during the festive season we will be operating with the minimum number of staff**, so please bear with us if it takes longer than normal to respond to your query.

May I take this opportunity on behalf of the NRPSI team to wish you **season's greetings and a happy new year**. Please do send us any suggestions for inclusion in the newsletter to admin@nrpsi.org.uk.

Stephen Bishop, Executive Director, NRPSI