



**Law Centres Federation**

Legal action for the community

## **Press Release for Immediate Use 1<sup>st</sup> May**

### **Constitutional Affairs Committee Report Welcomed By Law Centres**

LCF today welcomed the findings of the Constitutional Affairs Committee report on the Access to Justice Legal Aid Plans.

Law Centres met on Monday (30<sup>th</sup>) and unanimously agreed to continue their rolling campaign against the Carter reforms. In the week beginning the 14<sup>th</sup> May Law Centres are planning a series of demonstrations to highlight the damage the reforms will cause to local services.

“Law Centres are determined to continue the campaign against the proposals for fixed fees and competitive tendering. Every single person in this country, whatever their means, is entitled to access to justice, but anyone who cannot afford a private lawyer now stands to be fobbed off with superficial, shoddy, dumbed-down legal services.” said John Fitzpatrick, Chair of LCF.

“On key points the Constitutional Affairs Committee echoes the LCF’s arguments against the government’s reforms. The Government now has to listen.” Fitzpatrick added.

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