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The Graduated Fees Manual of Guidance has been updated with effect from 5th February 2018.

Most of the changes are in relation to Better Case Management and amend the guidance to reflect the revised hearings of Plea and Trial Preparation Hearings, Further Case Management Hearings and remove old terminology such as PCMH and Preliminary Hearings.

It should be noted that some paragraph numbers have changed from the old version of the manual.

However, there is one more significant change detailed at paragraphs 131 to 137, concerning s28 hearings (Youth and Criminal Evidence Act 1999). It has been our approach thus far to remunerate these as daily fees in advance of the trial process. With immediate effect, effective s28 hearings will start the trial process, with the subsequent days of the substantive trial process following on from the s28 hearing.

The revised definition of an effective trial is contained within paragraphs 120 to 130.

The revised GFS Manual applies to all payments made on and after 30th January 2018. The revised Manual and annexes will be uploaded to the Infonet and CPS external website.

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