



## BAR COUNCIL NEWS UPDATE – FRIDAY 17 MARCH 2017

### The Brexit Papers

[City AM](#) (print & online), [Legal Cheek](#) – City AM reports that The Bar Council's latest Brexit Papers report (second edition) says the government should secure a bespoke deal for the financial sector in the Brexit negotiations.

The report warns London's status as a financial capital risks being "greatly diminished" if the country cannot find a suitable alternative for pass-porting post-Brexit, and options currently being used by other countries, such as equivalence regime, the third country passport and WTO rules, will not provide a sufficient level of access.

Legal Cheek reports that The Brexit Papers recommend that EU citizens be given "unrestricted access to UK jobs" post-Brexit.

### Direct Access

[Law Society Gazette](#), [The Barrister Magazine](#), [Solicitors Journal](#), [Family Law Week](#) - The Bar Standards Board (BSB) has reported that schemes allowing members of the public and lay clients to instruct barristers directly without turning to a solicitor first are working well.

In a review of its public and licensed access schemes published today, the BSB said the schemes are an important way to access legal services. The review also found most public access barristers to be providing 'a valuable service' to their clients.

Despite the public and licensed access schemes working well, the BSB believes there are some "issues that need to be addressed," including: "Barristers and clerks not having enough support or being inadequately prepared to manage public access work."

### Information Security

[The Register](#) – The register points to useful Bar Council advice to barristers on information security in a story about a barrister who was fined by the Information Commissioner's Office after client information was accidentally uploaded to the internet.

## Great Repeal Bill

[Law Society Gazette](#) – The Gazette reports on evidence from the Bar Council, Law Society and consumer group Which? at the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Legal and Constitutional Affairs this week.

The APPG heard that the benefits of the Great Repeal Bill, legislation promised to smooth the transition to Brexit by transposing EU law into UK law, will fail unless the government can devise ways to take account of developments in EU law.

The ability to recover debts required specific recognition of jurisdiction. “This underpins our exports and imports,’ chair of the Bar Council’s Brexit working group Hugh Mercer QC said. Without jurisdiction agreements “layers of uncertainty [will be] litigated,” he added.

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