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## **LOCAL COURT TEAM LEADER WINS NATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD**

The outstanding work of Joe Soosai, Team Leader, Barking Magistrates' Court has been recognised at the first Her Majesty's Courts Service National Awards ceremony in Birmingham on Tuesday 28 March.

Joe Soosai won the individual award for leadership, and is described as an outstanding leader and motivator, who instils staff with a sense of confidence and worth.

Sandra Aston Area Director said:

"Joe Soosai has led the Legal Adviser Team to achieve extremely high performance results. I congratulate him on his award, and the work he has undertaken at the Barking Magistrates Court".

Sir Ron De Witt, HMCS Chief Executive Officer, said:

"I am delighted to reward the hard work of Joe. This honour marks HMCS' first anniversary. From my visits to courts, I have come away with a real and abiding impression that everything we do is for the public – the victim, witness, juror, defendant and plaintiff – they come first. Building the service around their needs is what defines us and establishes our reputation."

### **Note to Editors**

1. For more information, a photograph or interview with Joe Soosai, please contact HMCS London Region Communications Manager Ian Priston on Tel: 020 7073 4777.
2. Her Majesty's Courts Service brought together, on 1st April 2005, 42 independent magistrates' courts committees and the Court Service into one single organisation for the first time. It is an executive agency of the Department for Constitutional Affairs (DCA). Its purpose is to deliver justice effectively and efficiently to the public. It is responsible for the management of the civil, family and criminal courts in England and Wales.

