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1. Competency: 8 Learning Outcome: 8.2

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3. Outline how the evidence demonstrates you meet the outcome

The law according to the Data Protection Act (Schedule 7 (10)) binds solicitors so that any communication between a legal professional and his client is privileged and cannot be disclose if it comes under advice or litigation privilege.

A caseworker from the prosecution wanted to know what i had advised my client and how he was going to be pleading at court when he attended his plea and case management hearing. i informed her that i was under a duty not to disclose that information and furthermore i would not disclose that information.

4. Reflection and evaluation (what you learnt from the activity you undertook to meet the outcome). Note: you may want to complete this section at a later date once you have had time to reflect on your practice and experience.

From this particular activity i have learnt to ensure that i do not breach any professional rules or codes of conduct when discussing matter with others party to the proceedings.

TELEPHONE NOTE

CLIENT:

DATE: 17th May 2013

Telephone call received the CPS who wished to speak in relation to the hearing which was due to take place next week.

They were having difficulty getting a suitably experienced barrister to cover the hearing and she wanted to know whether I had fully discussed the case with my client thus far and how I had advised him to plead – the reason for this being that if it was to be guilty pleas she could get any prosecution advocate to cover the hearing, however, if not then it would require some juggling around.

I informed her that I appreciated the position she found herself in but that there was no information I could provide to her without breaching both confidentiality and legal privilege.

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