

# Partner Lucy Blake Discusses the SFO's Plan to Incentivise Witness Cooperation

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London-based Investigations, Compliance, and Defense Partner Lucy Blake provided commentary to Edward Fennell's Legal Diary about the Serious Fraud Office's intention to incentivise witness cooperation.

Lucy describes the recent publication of the SFO Strategy 2024-2029, coming "hot on the heels" of the US Department of Justice launching its own cooperating witness incentivisation programme. She observes that the strategy makes clear the SFO's commitment to "explore incentivisation options for whistleblowers, working with partners in the UK and abroad".

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"SFO Director, Nick Ephgrave QPM, has previously expressed his desire to make greater use of cooperating witnesses and whistleblowers. The Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 does provide scope for relief through grants of immunity and the conclusion of restricted use undertakings – the British analogue of non-prosecution agreements. Whilst these measures are currently not widely used by UK law enforcement, the SFO's recent announcement may signal greater alignment with its key partners."

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