



Statement

14th November 2011

Police Station duty scheme update - Solicitor Contact Line

The Scottish Legal Aid Board's Solicitor Contact Line continues to operate to ensure that suspects who request advice under S15A of the Criminal Procedure (Legal Assistance, Detention and Appeals) (Scotland) Act 2010 receive it timeously.

Notification of requests for advice

| Week | Number of calls | Daily Average |
|---|-----------------|---------------|
| 4 th July - 11 th July | 458 | 65 |
| 11 th July - 18 th July | 358 | 51 |
| 18 th July - 25 nd July | 454 | 65 |
| 25 th July - 1 st August | 466 | 67 |
| 1 st August - 8 th August | 445 | 64 |
| 8 th August - 15 th August | 519 | 74 |
| 15 th August - 22 nd August | 435 | 62 |
| 22 nd August - 29 th August | 456 | 66 |
| 29 th August - 5 th September | 425 | 61 |
| 5 th September - 12 th September | 425 | 61 |
| 12 th September - 19 th September | 424 | 61 |
| 19 th September - 26 th September | 404 | 58 |
| 26 th September - 3 rd October | 494 | 71 |
| 3 rd October - 10 th October | 453 | 65 |
| 10 th October - 17 th October | 459 | 66 |
| 17 th October - 24 th October | 402 | 57 |
| 24 th October - 31 st October | 463 | 66 |
| 31 st October - 7 th November | 468 | 67 |
| 7 th November - 14 th November | 499 | 71 |

Breakdown of advice provided

| Week | Telephone advice provided by: | |
|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Contact Line | Referred to Named Solicitor |
| 4 th July - 11 th July | 213 | 245 |
| 11 th July - 18 th July | 163 | 195 |
| 18 th July - 25 nd July | 188 | 266 |
| 25 th July - 1 st August | 192 | 274 |
| 1 st August - 8 th August | 197 | 248 |
| 8 th August - 15 th August | 169 | 350 |
| 15 th August - 22 nd August | 144 | 291 |
| 22 nd August - 29 th August | 154 | 305 |
| 29 th August - 5 th September | 134 | 291 |
| 5 th September - 12 th September | 137 | 288 |
| 12 th September - 19 th September | 151 | 273 |
| 19 th September - 26 th September | 140 | 264 |
| 26 th September - 3 rd October | 164 | 330 |
| 3 rd October - 10 th October | 160 | 293 |

Breakdown of advice provided (cont)

| Week | Telephone advice provided by: | |
|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Contact Line | Referred to Named Solicitor |
| 10 th October - 17 th October | 137 | 322 |
| 17 th October - 24 th October | 127 | 275 |
| 24 th October - 31 st October | 155 | 308 |
| 31 st October - 7 th November | 162 | 306 |
| 7 th November - 14 th November | 145 | 354 |

Suspects requiring a personal attendance:

| Week | Number of clients | Advice provided by : | | | |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | | Board employed solicitor | PDSO Solicitor | Duty Solicitor | Named Solicitor * |
| 4 th July - 11 th July | 32 | 6 | 11 | 9 | 6 |
| 11 th July - 18 th July | 26 | 12 | 7 | 7 | 0 |
| 18 th July - 25 nd July | 25 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 2 |
| 25 th July - 1 st August | 23 | 6 | 12 | 4 | 1 |
| 1 st August - 8 th August | 51 | 7 | 7 | 23 | 14 |
| 8 th August - 15 th August | 32 | 2 | 8 | 18 | 4 |
| 15 th August - 22 nd August | 30 | 8 | 8 | 11 | 3 |
| 22 nd August - 29 th August | 43 | 4 | 10 | 26 | 3 |
| 29 th August - 5 th September | 34 | 1 | 12 | 17 | 4 |
| 5 th September - 12 th September | 24 | 3 | 9 | 7 | 5 |
| 12 th September - 19 th September | 53 | 8 | 9 | 34 | 2 |
| 19 th September - 26 th September | 23 | 3 | 8 | 12 | 0 |
| 26 th September - 3 rd October | 33 | 7 | 6 | 18 | 2 |
| 3 rd October - 10 th October | 47 | 11 | 8 | 26 | 2 |
| 10 th October - 17 th October | 39 | 5 | 6 | 25 | 3 |
| 17 th October - 24 th October | 38 | 8 | 9 | 16 | 5 |
| 24 th October - 31 st October | 44 | 6 | 13 | 20 | 5 |
| 31 st October - 7 th November | 42 | 3 | 6 | 30 | 3 |
| 7 th November - 14 th November | 52 | 5 | 10 | 25 | 12 |

*These are attendances by named solicitors that we are aware of. Named solicitors may have made more personal attendances, once the details of the calls were passed on to them but we do not hold this information.

Police Station duty scheme - Participation Figures

We continue to see an increase in the number of private solicitors who are now participating in the Police Station Duty scheme, following the decision by the Law Society and local faculties that solicitors should now participate in the scheme.

As at Monday 14th November, there were participating in the Police Station Duty Scheme:

538 Solicitors (including 23 PDSO and 10 Board Employed solicitors) and 224 firms (PDSO and the Board's Solicitor Contact Line are included as one firm each).

This is an increase of 14 individual private solicitors and 4 firms from the figures shown on the previous week's statement dated 7th November 2011.

Of the 49 duty plan areas:

- 11 are covered solely by private solicitors (last week 11)
- 29 are covered by a mix of private solicitors, board employed solicitors and PDSO (last week 29)
- 9 are covered by Board employed solicitors and PDSO only (last week 9).