



## Statement

5 September 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. Demand for the services provided by the Contact Line remains at levels higher than our expectations.

#### Notification of requests for advice

Week	Number of calls	Daily Average
4 <sup>th</sup> July - 11 <sup>th</sup> July	458	65
11 <sup>th</sup> July - 18 <sup>th</sup> July	358	51
18 <sup>th</sup> July - 25 <sup>nd</sup> July	454	65
25 <sup>th</sup> July - 1 <sup>st</sup> August	466	67
1 <sup>st</sup> August - 8 <sup>th</sup> August	445	64
8 <sup>th</sup> August - 15 <sup>th</sup> August	519	74
15 <sup>th</sup> August - 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	435	62
22 <sup>nd</sup> August - 29 <sup>th</sup> August	456	66
29 <sup>th</sup> August - 5 <sup>th</sup> September	425	61

#### Breakdown of advice provided

Week	Telephone advice provided by:	
	Contact Line	Referred to Named Solicitor
4 <sup>th</sup> July - 11 <sup>th</sup> July	213	245
11 <sup>th</sup> July - 18 <sup>th</sup> July	163	195
18 <sup>th</sup> July - 25 <sup>nd</sup> July	188	266
25 <sup>th</sup> July - 1 <sup>st</sup> August	192	274
1 <sup>st</sup> August - 8 <sup>th</sup> August	197	248
8 <sup>th</sup> August - 15 <sup>th</sup> August	169	350
15 <sup>th</sup> August - 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	144	291
22 <sup>nd</sup> August - 29 <sup>th</sup> August	154	305
29 <sup>th</sup> August - 5 <sup>th</sup> September	134	291

#### Suspects requiring a personal attendance:

Week	Number of clients	Advice provided by :			
		Board employed solicitor	PDSO Solicitor	Duty Solicitor	Named Solicitor *
4 <sup>th</sup> July - 11 <sup>th</sup> July	32	6	11	9	6
11 <sup>th</sup> July - 18 <sup>th</sup> July	26	12	7	7	0
18 <sup>th</sup> July - 25 <sup>nd</sup> July	25	8	7	8	2
25 <sup>th</sup> July - 1 <sup>st</sup> August	23	6	12	4	1
1 <sup>st</sup> August - 8 <sup>th</sup> August	51	7	7	23	14
8 <sup>th</sup> August - 15 <sup>th</sup> August	32	2	8	18	4
15 <sup>th</sup> August - 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	30	8	8	11	3
22 <sup>nd</sup> August - 29 <sup>th</sup> August	43	4	10	26	3
29 <sup>th</sup> August - 5 <sup>th</sup> September	34	1	12	17	4

\*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 will have this information in due course from ACPOS.

## **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 5 September, there were participating in the Police Station Duty Scheme:

328 Solicitors (including 23 PDSO and 10 Board Employed solicitors) and 143 firms (PDSO and the Board's Solicitor Contact Line are included as one firm each).

This is an increase of 59 individual private solicitors and 26 firms from the figures shown on the previous week's statement dated 30 August 2011.

Of the 49 duty plan areas:

- 9 are covered solely by private solicitors (last week 9)
- 25 are covered by a mix of private solicitors, board employed solicitors and PDSO (last week 25)
- 15 are covered by Board employed solicitors and PDSO only (last week 15).