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Statement

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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
14 th November - 21 st November	416	59
21 st November - 28 th November	425	61
28 th November - 5 th December	389	56

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

**Breakdown of advice provided
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Week	Telephone advice provided by:	
	Contact Line	Referred to Named Solicitor
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
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
14 th November - 21 st November	134	282
21 st November - 28 th November	146	279
28 th November - 5 th December	111	278

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
14 th November - 21 st November	46	9	5	22	10
21 st November - 28 th November	54	4	4	31	15
28 th November - 5 th December	35	1	4	25	5

*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 5th December, there were participating in the Police Station Duty Scheme:

559 Solicitors (including 23 PDSO and 10 Board Employed solicitors) and 234 firms (PDSO and the Board's Solicitor Contact Line are included as one firm each).

This is an increase of 15 individual private solicitors and 7 firms from the figures shown on the previous week's statement dated 28th 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).