



1. Key statistics 2012-2017

Appendix notes

1. Figures for grants and refusals of applications do not necessarily equal numbers of applications, since decisions on applications received towards the end of one year may not be reached until the following year.
2. Unless otherwise stated, figures for accounts paid include VAT and are prepared on a cash basis.
3. In tables showing accounts paid, unless otherwise stated, outlays include all payments other than fees paid to solicitors and advocates - for example, expert witnesses.
4. A zero 0 indicates that no values were recorded. A dash "-" indicates that no value is applicable.
5. Children's ABWOR was not available prior to 24th June 2013.

1.1 Initial applications for legal assistance	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	Percent change on	
						2015-2016	2012-2013
Civil							
Civil advice and assistance	80,473	72,343	63,880	62,584	61,780	-1%	-23%
Civil ABWOR	4,721	5,101	5,405	5,562	6,218	12%	32%
Civil advice and assistance and ABWOR	85,194	77,444	69,285	68,146	67,998	0%	-20%
Civil legal aid	20,720	20,170	18,853	18,827	18,877	0%	-9%
Total civil legal assistance	105,914	97,614	88,138	86,973	86,875	0%	-18%
Criminal							
Criminal advice and assistance	29,906	29,051	26,737	24,435	22,528	-8%	-25%
Criminal ABWOR	33,598	33,787	30,439	28,266	28,713	2%	-15%
Summary criminal legal aid (SLAB granted)	52,637	58,685	57,797	57,339	52,705	-8%	0%
Summary and ABWOR	86,235	92,472	88,236	85,605	81,418	-5%	-6%
Solemn	11,901	12,853	13,333	12,412	11,133	-10%	-6%
Appeals	1,603	1,476	1,365	638	532	-17%	-67%
Total criminal legal assistance	129,645	135,852	129,671	123,090	115,611	-6%	-11%
Children's							
Children's advice and assistance	4,782	4,911	5,207	4,948	4,725	-5%	-1%
Children's ABWOR	-	1,662	3,546	4,127	4,371	6%	-
Children's advice and assistance and ABWOR	4,782	6,573	8,753	9,075	9,096	0%	90%
Children's legal aid (including appeals)	5,043	4,015	3,564	3,526	3,272	-7%	-35%
Total children's legal assistance	9,825	10,588	12,317	12,601	12,368	-2%	26%
Contempt of court							
Contempt of court advice and assistance	151	153	123	143	143	0%	-5%
Contempt of court legal aid	1,193	1,082	1,300	1,637	1,352	-17%	13%
Total contempt of court legal assistance	1,344	1,235	1,423	1,780	1,495	-16%	11%
Total initial applications for legal assistance	246,728	245,289	231,549	224,444	216,349	-4%	-12%

1.2 Grants of legal assistance	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	Percent change on	
						2015-2016	2012-2013
Civil							
Civil advice and assistance	80,473	72,343	63,880	62,584	61,780	-1%	-23%
Civil ABWOR	4,721	5,101	5,405	5,562	6,218	12%	32%
Civil advice and assistance and ABWOR	85,194	77,444	69,285	68,146	67,998	0%	-20%
Civil legal aid	13,427	13,409	12,977	12,817	13,425	5%	0%
Total civil legal assistance	98,621	90,853	82,262	80,963	81,423	1%	-17%
Criminal							
Criminal advice and assistance	29,906	29,051	26,737	24,435	22,528	-8%	-25%
Criminal ABWOR	33,598	33,787	30,439	28,266	28,713	2%	-15%
Summary criminal legal aid (SLAB granted)	46,417	52,389	49,092	47,908	46,110	-4%	-1%
Summary criminal legal aid (court granted)	13	15	9	16	18	13%	38%
Total summary criminal and ABWOR	80,028	86,191	79,540	76,190	74,841	-2%	-6%
Solemn criminal legal aid	11,229	12,013	12,159	11,116	10,059	-10%	-10%
Automatic legal aid	1,506	1,638	1,590	1,451	1,444	0%	-4%
Appeals	1,483	1,365	1,275	402	489	22%	-67%
Duty solicitor appearances (including PDSO)	12,257	13,784	13,664	13,423	10,524	-22%	-14%
Total criminal legal assistance	136,409	144,042	134,965	127,017	119,885	-6%	-12%
Children's							
Children's advice and assistance	4,782	4,911	5,207	4,948	4,725	-5%	-1%
Children's ABWOR	-	1,662	3,546	4,127	4,371	6%	-
Children's advice and assistance and ABWOR	4,782	6,573	8,753	9,075	9,096	0%	90%
Children's legal aid (including appeals)	5,006	3,581	2,956	2,910	2,817	-3%	-44%
Total children's legal assistance	9,788	10,154	11,709	11,985	11,913	-1%	22%
Contempt of court							
Contempt of court advice and assistance	151	153	123	143	143	0%	-5%
Contempt of court legal aid	1,193	1,082	1,300	1,637	1,352	-17%	13%
Total contempt of court legal assistance	1,344	1,235	1,423	1,780	1,495	-16%	11%
Total grants of legal assistance	246,162	246,284	230,359	221,745	214,716	-3%	-13%



1.3 Total payments for administration (£000)

	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	Percent change on	
						2015-2016	2012-2013
Administration spend							
Staff costs	9,434	9,712	9,202	9,777	9,685	-1%	3%
Running costs	2,469	2,458	2,630	1,928	1,932	0%	-22%
Capital	116	143	593	513	130	-75%	12%
Total administration spend	12,019	12,313	12,425	12,218	11,747	-4%	-2%

Note

1. Running costs figure for 2015-16 was previously incorrectly stated as 1,967.

1.4 Number of cases paid to solicitors	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	Percent change on	
						2015-2016	2012-2013
Civil legal assistance							
Civil advice and assistance	64,910	64,464	54,681	51,811	48,045	-7%	-26%
Civil ABWOR	4,824	5,326	5,188	5,112	5,476	7%	14%
Civil legal aid	13,820	14,174	13,981	13,695	13,048	-5%	-6%
Total civil legal assistance	83,554	83,964	73,850	70,618	66,569	-6%	-20%
Criminal legal assistance							
Criminal advice and assistance	16,495	16,330	13,667	11,764	11,649	-1%	-29%
Criminal ABWOR	33,176	33,037	28,900	26,949	27,284	1%	-18%
Summary criminal legal aid	48,355	47,850	48,903	51,072	49,807	-2%	3%
Solemn criminal legal aid	11,109	11,210	10,607	11,572	11,559	0%	4%
Court grants	1,038	1,202	1,236	1,126	1,029	-9%	-1%
Appeals	1,571	1,648	1,401	1,088	1,176	8%	-25%
Duty (non-PDSO appearances)	9,833	11,251	11,061	10,876	10,524	-3%	7%
Total criminal legal assistance	121,577	122,528	115,775	114,447	113,028	-1%	-7%
Children's legal assistance							
Children's advice and assistance	3,837	4,128	4,283	3,566	2,933	-18%	-24%
Children's ABWOR	-	398	2,381	3,754	4,465	19%	-
Children's legal aid	4,419	4,058	3,003	2,810	2,698	-4%	-39%
Total children's legal assistance	8,256	8,584	9,667	10,130	10,096	0%	22%
Contempt of court legal assistance							
Contempt of court advice and assistance	105	105	84	95	93	-2%	-11%
Contempt of court legal aid	913	1,007	941	1,314	1,249	-5%	37%
Total contempt of court legal assistance	1,018	1,112	1,025	1,409	1,342	-5%	32%
Total legal assistance	214,405	216,188	200,317	196,604	191,035	-3%	-11%

Notes

1. Duty solicitors' number of appearances on behalf of accused persons.

1.5 Total cost to the taxpayer of legal assistance (£000)	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	Percent change on	
						2015-2016	2012-2013
Civil legal assistance							
Civil advice and assistance	16,022	15,936	13,570	13,487	12,730	-6%	-21%
Civil ABWOR	4,877	5,069	4,812	5,092	5,698	12%	17%
Total civil advice and assistance and ABWOR	20,899	21,005	18,382	18,580	18,428	-1%	-12%
Civil legal aid gross expenditure	38,882	37,514	34,156	34,142	30,719	-10%	-21%
Civil legal aid income received	(11,980)	(11,941)	(10,020)	(11,740)	(9,727)	-17%	-19%
Civil legal aid (net cost)	26,902	25,573	24,136	22,402	20,992	-6%	-22%
CLAO gross expenditure	1,214	1,193	1,348	1,400	1,442	3%	19%
CLAO income received	(7)	(1)	(11)	(13)	(13)	0%	76%
CLAO (net cost)	1,207	1,192	1,337	1,387	1,429	3%	18%
Total civil assistance gross expenditure	60,995	59,712	53,886	54,121	50,590	-7%	-17%
Civil audit restitution	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	-	-
Total net civil legal assistance	49,007	47,770	43,855	42,368	40,850	-4%	-17%
Grant funding							
Grant funded expenditure	2,197	5,494	6,329	7,780	6,255	-20%	185%
Money Advice Service funding received	(2,197)	(2,350)	(2,350)	(2,350)	(2,350)	0%	-
Total net grant funded expenditure	0	3,144	3,979	5,430	3,905	-	-
Criminal legal assistance							
Criminal advice and assistance	1,111	1,256	1,037	890	1,002	13%	-10%
Criminal ABWOR	15,827	15,721	13,542	12,271	12,128	-1%	-23%
Total criminal advice and assistance and ABWOR	16,937	16,977	14,579	13,161	13,130	0%	-22%
Summary criminal legal aid	29,543	29,001	29,156	29,735	29,272	-2%	-1%
Solemn criminal legal aid	41,672	41,686	35,423	36,337	37,473	3%	-10%
Total court grants	220	254	243	221	248	12%	13%
Total appeals	3,167	2,700	2,235	1,348	1,290	-4%	-59%
Criminal legal assistance income received	(3)	(13)	(6)	(9)	(10)	14%	206%
Criminal legal aid (net cost)	74,600	73,628	67,051	67,633	68,272	1%	-8%
Duty	897	987	970	938	941	0%	5%
Public Defence Solicitors' Office (PDSO)	1,941	1,985	2,025	2,126	2,254	6%	16%
Police Station Duty Scheme Contact Line	607	683	578	640	650	2%	7%
Glasgow Court Advisers	-	-	53	46	50	9%	-
Criminal audit restitution	(133)	(211)	(208)	(213)	(224)	5%	69%
Total net criminal legal assistance	94,849	94,048	85,048	84,330	85,073	1%	-10%

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1.5 Total cost to the taxpayer of legal assistance (£000) (continued)						Percent change on	
	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2015-2016	2012-2013
Children's legal assistance							
Children's advice and assistance	503	606	603	457	324	-29%	-36%
Children's ABWOR	-	114	947	1,526	2,006	31%	-
Children's advice and assistance and ABWOR	503	719	1,550	1,983	2,330	17%	363%
Children's legal aid	4,913	4,168	3,684	3,123	3,042	-3%	-38%
Children's legal aid income received	-	(2)	(10)	(13)	(16)	23%	-
Children's legal aid (net cost)	4,913	4,166	3,674	3,109	3,026	-3%	-38%
Total net children's legal assistance	5,417	4,886	5,224	5,092	5,356	5%	-1%
Contempt of court legal assistance							
Contempt of court advice and assistance	13	16	16	13	16	24%	17%
Contempt of court legal aid	246	272	212	296	296	0%	20%
Total contempt of court legal assistance	260	288	227	309	312	1%	20%
Extraordinary interest payment to Advocates	519	104	(48)	0	0	-	-100%
Miscellaneous payments	192	248	316	282	234	-17%	22%
Legal Aid Fund (gross expenditure)	164,565	165,005	151,206	152,150	148,070	-3%	-10%
Total cost of legal assistance to the taxpayer	150,244	150,488	138,601	137,812	135,730	-2%	-10%

Notes

1. The recovery of incorrectly claimed monies is shown in the audit restitution lines.
2. Income received from the Money Advice Service is their contribution to the Making Advice Work Programme.
3. Income from criminal legal assistance relates to A&A contributions and money repaid by solicitors and assisted persons.
4. Prior to 2014-15 Glasgow Court Advisers were funded by Grant-in-Aid.

1.6 Average case cost (£)	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	Percent change on	
						2015-2016	2012-2013
Civil legal assistance							
Advice and assistance	247	247	248	260	265	2%	7%
ABWOR	1,011	952	927	996	1,041	4%	3%
Civil legal aid	2,813	2,647	2,443	2,493	2,354	-6%	-16%
Criminal legal assistance							
Advice and assistance	67	77	76	76	86	14%	28%
ABWOR	477	476	469	455	445	-2%	-7%
Summary criminal legal aid	611	606	596	582	588	1%	-4%
Solemn criminal legal aid (excluding appeals)	3,751	3,719	3,340	3,140	3,242	3%	-14%
Court grants	212	212	197	197	241	22%	14%
Appeals	2,016	1,638	1,596	1,239	1,097	-11%	-46%
Children's legal assistance							
Advice and assistance	131	147	141	128	110	-14%	-16%
ABWOR	-	286	398	407	449	10%	-
Children's legal aid	1,112	1,027	1,227	1,111	1,128	1%	1%
Contempt of court legal assistance							
Advice and assistance	126	152	189	132	167	26%	32%
Contempt of court legal aid	270	270	225	225	237	5%	-12%

1.7 Payments made (£000)	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	Percent change on	
						2015-2016	2012-2013
Civil legal assistance							
Advocates	6,229	5,099	3,928	5,101	4,277	-16%	-31%
Solicitor advocates	7	1	24	1	1	74%	-81%
Solicitors	39,831	40,016	36,335	34,768	33,155	-5%	-17%
Outlays	13,713	13,403	12,251	12,851	11,715	-9%	-15%
Total	59,781	58,519	52,538	52,721	49,148	-7%	-18%
Criminal legal assistance							
Advocates	11,410	9,030	7,689	9,060	10,436	15%	-9%
Solicitor advocates	4,477	4,298	3,015	2,748	2,978	8%	-33%
Solicitors	69,866	71,662	65,710	64,448	63,444	-2%	-9%
Outlays	5,788	5,628	5,223	4,546	4,554	0%	-21%
Total	91,541	90,618	81,636	80,802	81,412	1%	-11%
Children's legal assistance							
Advocates	676	324	277	297	287	-3%	-58%
Solicitor advocates	0	0	0	0	0	-	-
Solicitors	4,342	4,149	4,527	4,403	4,614	5%	6%
Outlays	399	414	430	406	472	16%	18%
Total	5,417	4,887	5,234	5,106	5,372	5%	-1%
Contempt of court legal assistance							
Advocates	15	4	5	11	25	129%	64%
Solicitor advocates	7	5	4	5	3	-35%	-55%
Solicitors	232	272	214	284	279	-2%	20%
Outlays	6	7	5	9	5	-51%	-18%
Total	260	288	227	309	312	1%	20%

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1.7 Payments made (£000) (continued)

	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	Percent change on	
						2015-2016	2012-2013
Duty solicitor appearances							
Advocates	1	1	1	0	0	7%	-72%
Solicitor advocates	0	0	0	0	0	-	-
Solicitors	875	963	945	918	918	0%	5%
Outlays	21	23	24	20	23	16%	11%
Total	897	987	970	938	941	0%	5%
Total legal assistance							
Advocates	18,330	14,458	11,900	14,469	15,025	4%	-18%
Solicitor advocates	4,491	4,305	3,043	2,754	2,983	8%	-34%
Solicitors	115,146	117,062	107,731	104,821	102,410	-2%	-11%
Outlays	19,927	19,475	17,931	17,832	16,768	-6%	-16%
Total	157,895	155,299	140,605	139,876	137,185	-2%	-13%

Notes

1. Fees paid to solicitors, advocates and solicitor advocates include VAT.