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Report

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT - JUSTICE

Justice Board - On 23 May Colin Lancaster attended a meeting of the Justice Board. Agenda items included Prison Population, Sexual Offending and Digital Transformation Fund.

Minister for Community Safety - On 30 May Ray Macfarlane and Colin Lancaster had a quarterly meeting with Ash Denham, Minister for Community Safety.

Expert Payment Panel - On 7 June Colin Lancaster and Raymond McMenamin attended a meeting of the Expert Payment Panel considering the legal aid payment framework and advice for reform. Professor Alan Paterson gave a presentation on legal aid payment delivery in international jurisdictions and Fiona Rutherford, Deputy Director for Legal Aid Strategy and Policy (Ministry of Justice) gave a presentation on legal aid reform and evidence based theory in England and Wales.

Director, Justice - On 17 June Ray Macfarlane had her annual review meeting with Neil Rennick, Director, Justice.

Justice System Planning Group - On 29 May Marie-Louise Fox attended a meeting of the Justice System Planning Group. This group shares and discusses intelligence on business volumes and trends across the justice sector.

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT - GENERAL

Scottish Government - On 14 May Graeme Hill, and other SLAB staff attended a meeting with Scottish Government officials on sponsorship and financial accountability.

LAWYERS AND REPRESENTATIVE BODIES

Criminal Quality Assurance Committee - On 31 May Colin Lancaster chaired a meeting of the Criminal Quality Assurance Committee.

Law Society of Scotland - On 5 June Colin Lancaster and Anne Dickson met with the Chief Executive of the Law Society. They were accompanied by the Executive Director of the Law Association of Zambia and the Chief Executive of the Kenyan Law Society both of whom were taking part in an executive internship in Scotland.

Civil Quality Assurance Committee - On 6 June Graeme Hill, Marie-Louise Fox and Jennifer Laughland attended a meeting of the Law Society's Civil Quality Assurance Committee.

Children's Hearings Improvement Partnership - On 10 June, Marie-Louise Fox attended a meeting of the Partnership to discuss updates on the programme of the group.

International Legal Aid Conference (ILAG) - Colin Lancaster attended the International Legal Aid Conference in Ottawa from 17-19 June.

JUSTICE SECTOR BODIES

Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service and Police Scotland - On 14 May Board staff met representatives from the Crown Office & Procurator Fiscal Service and Police Scotland to discuss SLAB investigation referrals to COPFS.

Scottish Courts & Tribunal Service - On 17 June Marie-Louise Fox attended a Project Board meeting with representatives from the Scottish Government, Scottish Courts & Tribunal Service and Crown Office & Procurator Fiscal Service to discuss the new Summary Criminal Model.

Making Justice Work 1 Programme Board - On 19 June Marie-Louise Fox attended a meeting of the MJW 1 Programme Board considering the Effective Courts and Tribunals programme.

PUBLIC BODIES

Scottish Futures Trust - Smarter Working Forum - On 15 May Graeme Hill attended a Smarter Working Forum event hosted by Scottish Futures Trust at which participants shared knowledge and best practice around smarter collaboration and innovation.

Children's Hearings Scotland - On 6 June Colin Lancaster attended the official opening of the offices of Children's Hearings Scotland at Thistle House.

Public Bodies Directors of Finance Forum - On 19 June Graeme Hill attended a meeting of the Public Bodies Directors of Finance Forum.

OTHER MEETINGS

HMRC technical workshop - On 15 May Marie-Louise Fox, took part in a data sharing workshop hosted by HMRC. Representatives from the Ministry of Justice and Northern Ireland Courts & Tribunal Service also attended.

Ross Priory Think Tank Event - On 16 and 17 May Colin Lancaster attended a Think Tank Event at Ross Priory, Loch Lomond. The keynote address entitled “The Storm within the Calm” was given by Liam Brown, Founder and Executive Chairman of Elevate Services Inc. (Los Angeles), a next generation legal service provider whose aim is to help law firms and corporate legal departments operate more effectively.

Citizens Advice Scotland - On 28 May Colin Lancaster and Anne Dickson met with the Director of Impact of Citizens Advice Scotland.

JCC Union Meeting with the Union - On 13 June Colin Lancaster and Graeme Hill attended a meeting of the Joint Consultative Committee with the Union.