

**HEARINGS MANAGMENT SUB-GROUP
RENFREWSHIRE AREA SUPPORT TEAM**

DATE: 6TH AUGUST 2019

TIME: 14:00

VENUE: SCRA GLEN LANE

MEMBERSHIP: EDI HANLEY (CHAIR); EILEEN ANDERSON (ROTA MANAGER); MARION ROBINSON (ROTA MANAGER); ANGELA STEVENSON (PANEL REP); JIM MELROSE (DEPUTE AREA CONVENER); ANGELA MITCHELL (SCRA) LESLEY KING/NICOLA HARKNESS (SCRA)

AGENDA

APOLOGIES

JIM MELROSE, ANGELA MITCHELL

PRESENT

Edi Hanley;Eileen Anderson;Angela Stevenson; Marion Robinson Lesley King;

RESIGNATIONS

ANN WALSH

SABBATICAL

Jacqueline Robinson – 6 months

Kirsten Miller – 3 months

Claire Guy – 3 months

HEARING STATS - 4th June - 6th August

Deferred Cases

28 Total – 19 - Relevant Persons not in attendance; 1 -No Child Planning Framework received; 1 Safeguarders Report not completed; 3 – Paperwork not received by Panel Members; 1 – RP failed to pass paperwork to Legal Rep; 1 -Parenting Assessment ongoing; 1 – Child's Planning Framework only handed in at start of hearing; 1 – No updated Child's Planning Framework received

Cancelled Cases/Sessions

16 Total – 2 – Reporter on Annual Leave; 5 – No cases available; 1 – Number of RP's unable to attend; 2 – SCRA Locality Day; 1 – Reporter at court; 1- Reporter working at

Dumbarton Office; 2 – No reason given; 1 – Shortage of Staff; 1 – Assessment report not available

SECURE HEARINGS

5 Panel Members supplied in total; 5 Kibble – 1 PM' provided for Highland & Moray at Kibble – 2 PM's provided for Highland & Moray – Held at Glen Lane for Kibble – 2 PM's provided for East Lothian at Kibble.

EXTRA CASES/HEARING SESSIONS

9 Additional Sessions/Cases in total; 5 – Special Cases/One Off hearings; 3 – Emergency Transfer; 1 - CPO

SWAPS

26 Swaps carried out over period

CONTINUITY

2 PM agreed for continuity

PASTORAL CARE

None Required

PANEL MEMBER STRENGTH

PM strength is currently 85 members, with 59 Females and 26 Males.

AOCB

PANELPAL

Marion & Eileen are meeting on Wednesday 7th August to progress the Panel Pal Rota Process.

BETTER HEARINGS

E-mail update provided by JM – Nicola is organising an event for all panel participants in October (to be confirmed). The idea is to ensure that all participants are aware of each others role in a hearing & to address the issues of respect between partners.

All Renfrewshire Social Workers will be there, All reporters will be there, All PM's will be invited, other hearing participants will be invited including solicitors and it is expected there will be no hearings scheduled for the date agreed.

During the morning there will be a number of groups comprising each of the hearing

participants and as well as viewing the various videos that we have, they will be able to discuss and address issues.

JM is of the view that the groups will also set out to develop a Renfrewshire Hearings Charter.

ROTA MANAGEMENT

The reporters office have requested that Rota Management look at scheduling as court dates are due to change early next year. Currently the scheduling takes into account hearing sessions as detailed below.

Mon 1 am & 1 pm

Tue 1 am & none pm

Wed 1 am & 2 pm

Thu 1 am & 1 pm

Fri 2 am & none pm

It is hoped that this can be amended to

Mon 2 am & 1 pm

Tue 1 am & 1 pm

Wed 1 am & none pm

Thu 1 am & 1 pm

Fri 2 am & none pm

MR advised that Rota Management will do their best to accommodate but all PM availability will require to be checked and they reserve the right to make further agreements/changes once availability is confirmed.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 13^h October 2pm at Glen Lane