

HEARINGS MANAGEMENT SUB-GROUP

AGENDA

Minutes of Meeting 2nd August 2022 Virtual @ 10am

1. Apologies

Angela Mitchell

2. Sabbatical

Currently seven panel members on sabbatical, two males and five females.

3. Resignations

One female panel member has resigned.

4. Hearing Stats - 6th June - 1st Aug 2022

- Deferred Cases - **June** - Five virtual; One no social work report and a relevant person failed to attend; two grounds still at court; one case cancelled by SCRA - No reason given; one relevant person stated they had not received the reports. Five face to face; one parenting assessment not completed; one no social work report; one awaiting an independent parenting assessment; one no relevant person in attendance; one family failed to arrive. **July** - Four virtual; two relevant persons failed to attend; one no social work report; one updated social work report not received in time. Six face to face; one report not sent to relevant persons or panel members; one due to a family emergency; one no relevant person in attendance; one to allow child or advocate to attend and for a more robust care plan; one grounds still at court; one relevant person did not receive report with sufficient time to consult legal representative.
- Cancelled Sessions - **June** - Four virtual two virtual, two no cases allocated; one reporter on annual leave; one no reason given for 28th (Lesley to check reason/comms sent). Four face to face; one reporter at court on a complex case; two no cases allocated; one reporter on annual leave. **July** - Nine virtual; one family couldn't attend; seven no cases allocated; one to be advised from 5th July, Edi only found out it was cancelled when

he contacted the panel member to check if had any deferred cases. Lesley to confirm the reason and if comms sent. Five face to face; four no cases allocated and one case which had been scheduled to take place on 18th July was cancelled as the case had gone ahead as an emergency transfer on 15th July due to a breakdown in the young person's placement.

- Secure Hearings - One
- Extra Hearings/Sessions - 10th June PM one virtual case added Established Ground and ICSO required; one extra face to face on 10th June AM. 29th June added a third case to a two case session 14th July added a third case to a two case session, agreed with panel members on both occasions.
- Swaps/Cover for short notice; **June** - Seven virtual and eleven face to face. **July** - eleven virtual and five face to face
- Continuity - Three requests made, there will no longer be a requirement to record this at a local level.

5. Pastoral Care

There are two panel members receiving pastoral care.

6. Panel Member Strength

As of the 31st July the panel totals eighty four members of which sixty five are female and nineteen are male. Taking into account those currently on sabbatical or off rota the active panel membership is seventy seven members of which sixty are female and seventeen are male.

7.AOCB

Marion advised that we utilised the services of a male panel member from another area who has assisted us on three occasions to date.

Angela had recorded the cross area sharing details where Renfrewshire have assisted in other areas, there are quite a few requests come through, North Lanarkshire in particular seem to have quite a few sessions at times and Marion is not sending out requests to the Renfrewshire Community every time a request is made, given our own Rota challenges, but we will continue to help out where possible and reasonable to our own rota needs. Renfrewshire has provided a female to North Lanarkshire for two dates; a male for Inverclyde; a female for Aberdeenshire; a male for Aberdeenshire for two dates.

Lesley advised that the number of cancelled sessions in July was being assessed to gain a more accurate picture for any future scheduling as a higher number was recorded for this period. Cancellations were impacted by several factors such as family members or other workers such as social work, education and health for input to reports.

Angela Stevenson confirmed the post made by Derek on the AST Teams Channel, that due to health and wellbeing reasons she had chosen to step back from the previously advised Lead Panel Representative role and this would now be fulfilled by Jacqueline Doherty. Angela will remain in her role as Digital and Teams Champion and back up Rota Manager for Marion.

8. Date of Next Meeting

11th October 2022