



## **Integrated Children and Family Services**

### **COVID-19 Briefing 30-03-20**

#### **Court/Criminal Justice Social Worker Reports/ Child Protection Orders**

Following discussion with Sheriff Napier and Jeff Newman, Senior Sheriff Clerk, the following has been agreed but may be subject to review/ change:

1. No new Bail Supervision Orders will be imposed.
2. People appearing from custody and from prison will still be appearing at court.
3. Criminal Justice Social Worker Reports will be requested for some cases but short format Criminal Justice Social Work Reports, succinct and focussed, should be as appropriate. Template and guidance will be available next week.
4. 8 week deferments will be given for Caledonian and RSO reports – no need for SA07 assessments for internet offenders.
5. DTTO, only face-to-face contact and drug testing for assessment. Thereafter presumption of telephone contact. DTTO reviews can be fixed without a hearing if Supervising Officers feel that this is appropriate.
6. Problem Solving Court suspended new assessments for an initial period of 3 months.
7. Extensions – if Supervising Officer assesses as necessary, CPOs can be extended by 3 months without making an application to the Court.
8. Early Discharge will be considered where clients are more than halfway through their orders and/ or UPW hours. An application will still have to be made to the Court in respect of this but should be brief and focussed.
9. The Criminal Justice Social Work Service will prioritise work with individuals on the basis of risk of harm they may pose to others and their vulnerability. Wherever possible this will be by telephone contact or doorstep home visits. Face-to-face contact will continue to be offered in exceptional circumstances and/or when clients don't have phones.