



**Sheriffdom of South Strathclyde Dumfries and Galloway**

**Order by Sheriff Principal I Abercrombie**

**No 8 of 2020**

**This Practice Note supersedes Practice Note Number 6 – changes are highlighted in red and underlined.**

**SUMMARY CRIMINAL BUSINESS**

**Refixing Diets in terms of Section 137ZB of the Criminal Procedure Scotland Act 1995**

**The following direction takes effect from 14 April 2020.**

This notice concerns the following categories of cases.

1. All cases calling in the **cited courts** **(excepting those cases that have been continued without plea;**
2. All cases calling in the **intermediate diet** courts (excepting those where the accused is in custody)
3. All cases calling in the **remand** courts (excepting those where the accused is in custody);
4. All cases calling in the **summary trials** courts (excepting those where the accused is in custody);
5. Any other summary criminal case calling, including drug treatment and testing orders (except those where the accused is in custody);

Diets are no longer suitable for the courts for all such cases calling in the period between 14 April 2020 **and 29 May 2020**.

The Diets for such cases will be discharged and re-fixed as follows:

For cases calling on 14 April 2020, a new diet will be fixed for 1 September 2020;

For cases calling on 15 April 2020, a new diet will be fixed for 2 September 2020;

For cases calling on 16 April 2020, a new diet will be fixed for 3 September 2020;

For cases calling on 17 April 2020, a new diet will be fixed for 4 September 2020;

For cases calling on 20 April 2020, a new diet will be fixed for 7 September 2020;

For cases calling on 21 April 2020, a new diet will be fixed for 8 September 2020;

For cases calling on 22 April 2020, a new diet will be fixed for 9 September 2020;

For cases calling on 23 April 2020, a new diet will be fixed for 10 September 2020;

For cases calling on 24 April 2020, a new diet will be fixed for 11 September 2020;

For cases calling on 27 April 2020, a new diet will be fixed for 14 September 2020;

For cases calling on 28 April 2020, a new diet will be fixed for 15 September 2020;

For cases calling on 29 April 2020, a new diet will be fixed for 16 September 2020;

For cases calling on 30 April 2020, a new diet will be fixed for 17 September 2020;

**Thereafter, for cases calling between 1 May 2020 and 29 May 2020, new diets will be fixed for suitable dates after 17 September 2020.**

**For cases that have been continued without plea and are due to call in cited courts during the above periods, the diet will be discharged and a new diet fixed for a date 4 weeks' hence.**

This notice applies to both Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court.

**PLEASE NOTE - Pending emergency legislation different dates may be assigned for cases which are adjourned under Section 201 of the 1995 Act and for any cases to be continued without plea.**

**Signed**

**I R Abercrombie**

**Sheriff Principal of South Strathclyde Dumfries and Galloway**

**17 April 2020**