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Dear Member,

Summary Criminal update for Glasgow Sheriff Court

Please note the following updates –

1. **Trials** – Custody trials have been the priority during lockdown and will continue to be prioritised.

The Court can now programme additional trial courts to enable the acceleration of cases which were administratively adjourned during lockdown. To facilitate this, both Crown and Defence require to make a joint application in writing for the acceleration of a trial diet in terms of section 137 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995.

The application must be accompanied by written records completed by both the Crown and the Defence. A PDF of the Defence Section of the Written Record is attached for your convenience. The whole PDF is available on Scottish Courts' website – www.scotcourts.gov.uk and forms the Appendix of the Lord Justice General's Practice Note No. 2 of 2020. A word version of the whole document will accompany this by email only.

Any Written Records for acceleration of trials should be sent to the following email address:

Accelerated trials written record - acceleratedtrialsglasgow@scotcourts.gov.uk

2. **Intermediate Diets** – Guidance in the aforementioned Lord Justice General’s Practice Note No. 2 of 2020 will be relied upon at Glasgow Sheriff Court. The Sheriff Principal has confirmed that Intermediate Diets fixed on or after 15th June before lockdown will retain their original date. Written Records must now be lodged. The same documents referred to in paragraph 1 above apply.

Any Written Records for intermediate diets should be sent to the following email address:

Intermediate diets written record - jdrecordsglasgow@scotcourts.gov.uk

Please note the following for the timetable for lodging your Written Records for Intermediate Diets –

Day of Intermediate Diet -

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

Last Day to lodge WR -

Preceding Wednesday
Preceding Thursday
Preceding Friday
Preceding Monday
Preceding Tuesday

3. **Resumption of all summary criminal business at Glasgow Sheriff Court**

From 6th July 2020, all scheduled summary criminal business will call.

4. **Attendance of the Accused at Glasgow Sheriff Court**

Schedule 4, Part 1, Paragraph 2(1) of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 provides for the absence of the accused unless they are directed by the Court to attend physically.

The Sheriff Principal has confirmed that in the following cases a personal appearance will be required by the accused:

- (a) Custody cases.
- (b) Summary trial diets (unless excused by a Sheriff).
- (c) Remand court cases (unless excused by a Sheriff).

To promote social distancing, it is envisaged that time slots for cases will be arranged for the remand court. If you have several cases calling in Court, it is expected a mechanism will be put in place to coordinate them calling together, where practicable. Further details about this will follow in due course.

Kind regards,

The Office Bearers of the Executive Committee of the Glasgow Bar Association