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Dear Member,

Court Slots update for Glasgow Sheriff Court

Further to our letter dated 23rd June, we have now heard further from the Sheriff Principal about the mechanism for the allocation of court slots as business is reintroduced there.

From 6th July 2020, it is envisaged that first diet courts, intermediate diet courts, remand courts, diet courts and the alcohol and drugs court will resume their sittings. To promote social distancing there will be limitations placed upon the numbers of accused (and by extension their Agents) accommodated within the Court building at any given time.

Wherever possible, the Court is keen to accommodate the allocation of the same slot to an Agent where they have more than one case calling in the relevant Court.

Please therefore use the below email address to liaise further with the clerks about this. No later than close of business this Friday, 26th June 2020, please advise them of any such cases for the week beginning 6th July 2020.

Please send them the following:-

1. Your name.
2. Your client's name and PF reference.
3. The date(s) where you have more than one case calling in a particular court.
4. The type of court case it is.

We are pleased to confirm there is now a dedicated email address which is:-

glasgowslots@scotcourts.gov.uk

We are asked to advise you that the sheriff clerk's office will not become involved in dialogue over preferred slots. The system is designed to accommodate, wherever possible, the situation where a practitioner has more than one case in a particular court.

The clerks will aim to provide you with a note of your allocated slot no later than 1st July 2020. This will allow you to inform your clients of their attendance arrangements. Clients will not be permitted entrance to the court room before their allocated time.

This will become a rolling arrangement. Please revert to the clerks no later than close of business on 3rd July 2020 for your cases in the week commencing 13th July 2020, with the clerk confirming the allocation no later than 8th July 2020 and so on.

It should be noted that our cooperation in relation to advising our clients of the allocated slots is greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,

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