

I wanted to let your members know the position we have reached at Glasgow in respect of the family court business which was sisted by the court in accordance with the emergency measures introduced as a consequence of the COVID19 pandemic.

As your members will be aware, since early June we have been recalling the sists in cases where hearings were discharged and the cases sisted in accordance with those emergency measures.

Our initial focus was on child welfare hearings and case management hearings. We have since extended this to other family court business which had largely called in the Tuesday family courts (such as options hearings, rule 18.3 hearings etc.) as well as to opposed motion hearings.

By the end of this week (31 July) we hope to have issued interlocutors restarting all of the family court business which was sisted by the court in accordance with the emergency measures.

If your members have cases which fall into this category of business but have not received interlocutors recalling the sists by close of business on 31 July 2020 it would be helpful if, in the first instance, they could email the family section at:

glasgowfamilyactions@scotcourts.gov.uk

identifying the subject matter as Family Restart Enquiry and giving the case reference number and name, together with a note of the discharged hearing date and the nature of the discharged hearing. This will enable us to undertake some investigations in the hope that parties will not be required to lodge motions.

Kind regards

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