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Message from Laura J Dunlop KC



Dear Members,

As I write this, it's dark outside and we are unquestionably still in winter. But there are some pieces of positive news to share.

First of all, we have successfully completed our 2022 training. This means I have seen almost all members, either in-person or on screen, within the last four months or so. A fuller report on the days, and the feedback forms received, appears on page 11. This also tells members how to access the materials from training, including recordings of some of the afternoon workshops, for anyone who wants to refresh their memory about a particular aspect of the day, or who wants to dip into a second workshop for interest. A short note of 'answers' to the training scenarios is also included. We'll take a break from planning mandatory training for a spell now, though we do have ideas for one or two optional events as 2023 unfolds.

Next, there are some new faces in established roles. We are delighted that, all going well, our new legal secretary, Kirsty Watson, will be starting on 6 February. Kirsty joins us from the Civil Legal Assistance Office and, unlike previous holders of the post, will be an employee of the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service, rather than a secondee from the Scottish Government. There will be more from and about Kirsty in the next newsletter. Moira Paterson, who has been our lead reviewer, has decided to step back from this position, and I want to thank her for all that she has done as the lead, though she will remain as a reviewer. Dr Malcolm Bruce has agreed to take on the responsibility of being lead reviewer and thanks are due to Malcolm for being willing to undertake this additional commitment.

Turning to the recurring theme of hearing formats, I am pleased to report that we have finally resumed in-person hearings at New Craigs in Inverness, in a new suite, which is well appointed and located. There are positive developments too in our attempts to obtain a permanent suite for tribunals in Leverndale. More details will be shared as

they become available. Numbers of in-person hearings are rising, and we continue to review the position regarding venues every second week. There has also been communication with all members on the matter, and about a third of the membership have been in touch with the PO about their own situations. Thank you to everyone who has been in contact.

As ever, this newsletter contains articles of interest, plus important practical information and reminders. News from the Members' Association appears on page 9. There is an article about Brain Health, on page 14, and we also include further material about interpreters at hearings, a perennially challenging situation. The newsletter has, once again, been prepared by Jane Patrick and Jenna Swan. Pulling everything together is an onerous task and I am very grateful to them for the patient and cheerful way in which they carry it out. I am also very grateful to all members for the service they give to MHTS, and to our operations colleagues for their dedication to the work of the Tribunal.

Finally, I am offering a prize to anyone who can correctly identify the location of the photo at the top of this foreword (either where the photographer is, or what is in the photo). If only one person responds, they will win the bottle of wine or lavish soft drink irrespective of their answer. If more than one person does, the closest answer wins. Responses by the end of the working day on Friday 3 February please.

Best wishes,
Laura J Dunlop KC
President

News

New Start times for Child and Adolescent Hearings

We have received feedback from young people and professionals working within Skye House, Glasgow, and Dudhope Young People's Unit, Dundee, that the usual 10:00 start time for hearings interrupts snack times within the hospitals which are 10:15 to 10:30 and 14:30 to 14:45. These are an essential part of a young person's treatment for an eating disorder. Whilst nursing staff can facilitate snacks earlier or later, this can be distressing for some young people. Young people may also be distracted as they are worried about the next snack or meal.

In response to this, hearings which take place in Skye House and Dudhope unit will now start at 10:30. This change will be effective from 31 January 2023 but please double check the invite you receive if you are sitting on a child and adolescent hearing.

Please note that hearings at the CAMHS in-patient unit in Edinburgh will continue to start at 10:00 as this unit has a later snack time of 10:30. Please be aware of this when you start a hearing at this unit and take steps to ensure that the young person knows that the hearing can be paused to enable them to attend their snack time.

It is still important to ensure at the outset of the hearing that you check whether there are any other set times when a break is needed, for example lunch times. This is good practice even where a young person is not being treated for an eating disorder. Some young people appreciate knowing the anticipated timings of the tribunal and it is often helpful to have regular breaks. It is therefore important to spend time at the start of the hearing establishing any preferences the young person has. All child and adolescent hearings are set down for a full day which allows maximum flexibility in how the hearing is conducted. The President's Office welcomes any further feedback about how we can improve the experience of child and adolescent hearings. If you have any comments or feedback please email -

Collette Gallagher
In-house Convener



Witnessing the signature of a named person

Members will recall that during the COVID-19 pandemic, in May 2020, the requirement for a nominated named person to have their signature witnessed by a prescribed person when they agreed to become a named person was temporarily removed by paragraph 15, Schedule 1 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No. 2) Act 2020.

In October 2022, this temporary provision was made permanent by section 37 of the Coronavirus (Recovery & Reform) (Scotland) Act 2022. Section 37 repealed section 250(2A)(c) of the 2003 Act. So, the nominated named person's signature no longer requires to be witnessed by a prescribed person.

Primary carer

This is a reminder that someone who is a carer as a result of their contract of employment, for example, a care home manager or a nurse, is not a carer or primary carer in terms of the 2003 Act.

Section 329(1) defines a carer as an individual who, otherwise than –

(a) by virtue of a contract of employment or other contract with any person; or

(b) as a volunteer for a voluntary organisation,

provides, on a regular basis, a substantial amount of care for, and support to, the person; and includes, in the case where the person is in hospital, an individual who, before the person was admitted to hospital, provided, on a regular basis, a substantial amount of care for, and support to, the person.

The same section also defines “primary” in relation to a carer as meaning *the individual who provides all, or most, of the care for, and support for, the person.*

As the primary carer is one of a number of persons who receives notification of a hearing in terms of the Tribunal’s Rules, it is important that this person is correctly identified. The primary carer is usually a family member or occasionally a friend.



Winter health in the workplace

All COVID-19 rules and restrictions have been lifted in Scotland, but the virus has not gone away. COVID-19, colds and flu can spread more easily in the winter. We all still need to keep playing our part to protect ourselves and others.

Members may, of course, make individual choices regarding face coverings and everyone is encouraged to respect the choices that others make and keep working together to maintain safety. Some of the MHTS venues may have specific requirements, for example some hospitals still require the wearing of masks. Please follow the guidance given at the venue.

Otherwise please follow the latest Scottish Government Guidance which is as follows:

- [get your vaccine](#) when offered to ensure you are fully protected;
- [stay at home](#) if you’re unwell with symptoms or have a fever;
- open windows when socialising indoors;
- [wear a face covering](#) in indoor public places and on public transport; and
- wash your hands to protect yourself.

Tayside Members' Forum

Tayside Members' Forum have organised two "virtual" online forums in the coming months. Details are:

Tuesday 14 February 2023 at 18:00

Topic: **Tribunal update by Laura Dunlop KC, President**, followed by questions and an opportunity for discussion with members.

Thursday 20 April 2023 at 18:00

Topic: **The National Care Service for Scotland** – a presentation and discussion will be led by members of the National Care Service development team.

If you are interested in attending this online members' forum, please contact David Gilling directly at

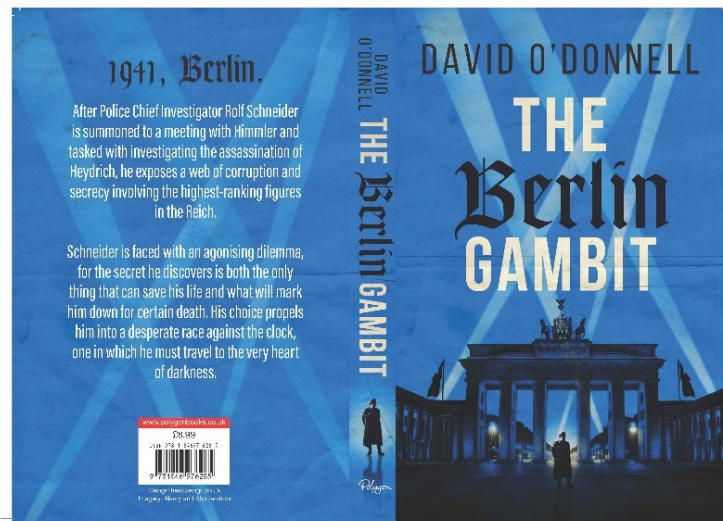


The Berlin Gambit

Professor David O'Donnell was a convener with the MHTS from March 2005 until October 2022, when he resigned to pursue a writing career. Those who worked with him over the years may be interested in reading his forthcoming book, *The Berlin Gambit*. It will be published on 6 April 2023 and can be pre-ordered now on Waterstones and Amazon websites.

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LawCare

LawCare is the mental wellbeing charity for the legal community. It is an independent charity run by volunteers from the legal profession. It offers free, independent and confidential support through its helpline, live online chat and email service. Its services are available to anyone in the UK legal community, including concerned family members. This includes all fee-paid tribunal members, not just those with a legal background.

All calls, chats and emails are responded to by trained staff and volunteers who have first-hand experience of working in the law. It provides a space to talk through how things are for you, whatever is on your mind. It can signpost you to other support agencies too.

The helpline number is 0800 279 6888 Monday – Friday 09:00 – 17:00

Online chat is available Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday- 09:00 – 17:00

www.lawcare.org.uk



Judicial Hub - Reminder

This is a reminder that tribunal members should sign up to and access the Judicial Hub on a regular basis to remain abreast of the latest news and learning opportunities [Judicial Hub: Log in to the site](#).

The Hub's news section is updated throughout the week and provides various articles relevant to all judicial office holders. Most recently the Welfare and Support Committee of the Judicial Council launched the **2023 Judicial Wellbeing Calendar**.

The Hub hosts a Tribunals' section which includes relevant information for each Chamber, such as guidance on claiming expenses.

Information on the Hub is updated frequently and can be accessed from any computer or profile. If you do not yet have log-in details, or if your email address changes, please contact the Hub team at Judicialhub@scotcourts.gov.uk

Valerie MacGregor
Head of Judicial Communications

MHTS Members' Association

Currently there is **NO COST** to becoming a member of MHTSMA. All it takes is an email to Brian at

The MHTS Members' Association ('MHTSMA') met online on 13 September 2022 when there was further discussion in relation to the different formats of hearings and IT security, resulting in further emails being sent to the President's Office.

MHTSMA were reassured to be informed that the issue of 'face to face' hearings remained on the President's agenda and that there were meetings every two weeks which considered this issue. MHTSMA remain of the view that the 'default' position for hearings should be 'face to face'.

In relation to IT and security issues, the Tribunal's view is that it is up to each member to have a good understanding of whichever device they decide to use to undertake their duties. With regard to IT and data protection training, the Tribunal issues yearly updates. The Tribunal has not had its own dedicated IT resource since 2016 but if required can seek assistance from central SCTS IT who now provide IT support. The President's Office are happy to answer specific questions regarding IT or data protection.

Following the survey in August 2022, correspondence was sent to the Minister for Community Safety in relation to the daily fee increase expressing members' dissatisfaction with the increase. MHTSMA were advised that Tribunal members' daily fees for 2022 – 2023 were increased in line with the Public Sector Pay Policy. This was published on 9 December 2021 and set out the parameters for pay increases for senior appointments (including tribunal members).

MHTSMA held 'social get-togethers' following members' training on 24 October and 3 November 2022 and intend to plan more in the future.

MHTSMA were pleased to be contacted by the Hearings and Scheduling Manager asking for members' views on venue information held and if anything else relevant should be included as they are updating the website.

The MHTSMA AGM was held online 8 November 2022. The current office bearers are Ruth Buchanan chair, Peter Bennie vice-chair, Brian Dewar secretary and Caroline Ritchie treasurer. Additional committee members are Mary Jo Furlong, Joyce Mouriki and Lesley Ward. Thanks was expressed to Leonard Wallace who stood down from the committee. Leonard was a founder member of the Association and contributed tirelessly over the years.

There was again discussion in relation to 'face to face hearings' and IT concerns, including hard copies of CORO papers no longer being sent out to members.

A decision was made to continue suspending the annual subscription and it was agreed that there should be no joining fee, backdated to 1 April 2020. All members who have made any payments since 1 April 2020 will be contacted and offered a refund. The committee will review the annual subscription and special levy prior to the next (and future) AGMs. Should there be a material change in circumstances (additional costs incurred or to seek further legal advice in relation to any pension claim) and a special levy/joining fee has not been paid by members joining after 1 April 2020 consideration will be given to asking them to pay the special levy/joining fee.

We would like all members to consider joining, including any (current or new) member who would be interested in being co-opted onto the Committee.

We plan to invite the President to a future meeting. It was agreed that future Association meetings should continue online, but with the possibility of having some meetings in-person.

If any member is interested in joining MHTSMA, please can you contact Brian Dewar (secretary) by email. Brian can also send any member a link to the MHTSMA Forum on Microsoft Teams.

Ruth Buchanan

General member and chair of MHTS Members' Association



Historical papers on members' area of the website

IT is aware of the issue concerning papers not being automatically deleted from the members' area of the website after a tribunal hearing. If members find that their papers have not been deleted after one month, please contact Fiona Queen who will arrange for them to be removed manually.



Scheduling reminder

It would be appreciated if members could ensure that webroster is kept up to date with availability and any changes in conflicts of interest.

Please ensure when adding your availability onto webroster, that you enter the shift as 'Day'. If this isn't selected, your availability will appear as a minute and the schedulers will be unable to allocate you dates.

As a reminder:

- Select on webroster the week you are available
- Select **New**
- At **Shift**, select the down arrow and select **Day**
- Tick the days that week which apply
- Select **Save changes**

If your availability changes at any time, please add or remove available days from webroster as soon as possible.

Articles

Training 2022

Now that the recent programme of annual training is complete, here are some reflections on the eight days involved.

The main ways in which training in 2022 differed from the two previous years were that most members attended in-person, that the day included work on scenarios from practice and that three new venues were tried. We received feedback on all these aspects, but not from everyone. The difference between the response rates was quite marked. The in-person event in Stirling yielded a 100% completion rate for feedback forms (thanks are due to every member who trained in Stirling), whereas one of the WebEx events generated only two. I won't say which one. The total number of forms received was 205, and they have all been read and digested. Last year, there were forms from only 36% of those who attended, so that is a welcome increase, probably due in part to there being more in-person events. Sending in a feedback form from a WebEx training day is a different exercise from completing one before you leave a venue. But an online training day also brings a sense of distance, which is more than the simple fact that we are spread around the country. There are many reasons why WebEx training is well-suited to individual situations. I cannot imagine that we will stop including online days as part of the regular annual training. But in-person days offer advantages which cannot be replicated online. If you have not yet attended an in-person event since 2020, you might wish to consider doing so this year (public health challenges permitting).

There were comments on a number of practical aspects. Good public transport links to a venue were appreciated, especially in Glasgow, as was the parking at Heriot Watt. Acoustics in some rooms were mentioned, and the non-functioning roving microphone in the Merchants' House was found to be a significant drawback. There were comments about a lack of stationery, about the length of breaks and about sandwiches. Having sampled those at all in-person events, I can confirm that some were better than others.

As far as content is concerned, everyone seemed to like something. The morning scenarios and talk were mostly found to be helpful. Members who commented specifically were pleased to again have the chance of group work. The seven workshops gained largely positive evaluations. Here I would particularly thank our in-house convener Collette Gallagher, who designed, convened and spoke at the training for child and adolescent hearings. This was very well-received, attracting only 4s and 5s on the forms. All of the workshops were only possible because of the willingness of the presenters to offer their time in preparation and attendance. We are extremely grateful to them all, and have said so. For any member who wishes to listen to a recording of a workshop other than the one they attended or to refresh their memory on the morning talk, that is now possible by accessing the training materials in the Training and Seminars part of the judicial members' area of the website at MHTS - https://www.mhtscotland.gov.uk/mhts/Members_Area/Training_and_Seminars.

Lastly, several people commented specifically on the Case Digest, even in relation to the colour (which did occupy considerable time and energy in its selection and testing). And I am glad that being given a Tunnock's wafer made someone's day.

Laura Dunlop
President

Update on Interpreting

The topic of interpreters is one which has frequently been covered in our newsletter. The reason for this being that it can often be an area which causes frustration with a range of problems in relation to interpreters encountered. These range from failure to attend by an interpreter through to apparent lack of understanding by an interpreter of their role. They have been exacerbated by the need to hold hearings by teleconference, but to some extent they can happen at any hearing.

Short Life Working Group

A short life working group was set up last year to consider some of the difficulties experienced and how to address these. The group combined the experience of members and operational colleagues. It made a number of recommendations which it hoped would improve the participation of patients and others with communication difficulties in hearings. As a result of this a number of changes have been implemented.

Booking Interpreters

As many of you will be aware MHTS is not generally responsible for the arrangements for interpreters for patients. There is a statutory duty on hospital managers to take all reasonable steps to provide help for patients to communicate in tribunal proceedings, reviews and medical examinations (Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003, ss 260 and 261). This includes instructing a foreign language or BSL interpreter. Each hospital board and/or hospital has their own arrangements and contracts with different providers for interpreting services. Whereas for other hearing attendees MHTS use the Scottish Courts and Tribunal's Interpreting framework contract to make arrangements for both foreign language and BSL interpreting. The varying arrangements across different hospitals and hospital boards presents a challenge when significant issues arise. However following the work of the short life working group we now have details of relevant contacts within the hospital or hospital boards in order that we can seek to follow up on any significant difficulties.

Hearings with Interpreters

The short life working group observed that where an interpreter is needed a hearing will often take much longer than one without an interpreter since everything has to be said twice; extra information and clarification is required; and everything has to be said slowly. In addition, there are frequent breaks for translation. They also observed that hearings with interpreters should take place in-person wherever possible. Therefore wherever possible a hearing involving an interpreter will be set down for a full day in-person hearing and will start at 10am. There will of course be times when this cannot be adhered to because of security or operational reasons but every effort will be made to ensure this takes place.

Guidance for Interpreters

In addition the short life working group updated the guidance for interpreters [Guidance for interpreters 2021 \(mhtscotland.gov.uk\)](https://www.mhtscotland.gov.uk/guidance-for-interpreters-2021). This has been provided to all of the interpreting services under the Scottish Courts and Tribunal's Interpreting Framework.

Guidance for members

The group made some helpful recommendations for members. Many members will already be familiar with these but as a recap members should:

- speak slowly and clearly, with frequent gaps for translation
- address the person being assisted directly, not 'does he/she..' or 'he/she says..'
- avoid using acronyms
- bear in mind the possibility of cultural problems arising

It is also advisable for the convener at the start of the hearing to:

- ensure the person being assisted and the interpreter understand each other
- remind all present that the interpreter is independent, impartial, and must respect the confidentiality of the proceedings
- remind all present that the interpreter should translate everything said at the hearing, not just the questions and answers, and not add anything or leave anything out.

Continuous Improvement

The steps outlined above will not eradicate all of the challenges experienced by members and the President's Office is committed to continuing to work together with members, operational colleagues and stakeholders to improve the participation of patients and others with communication needs. If you do encounter significant challenges in a hearing involving an interpreter please keep the President's Office informed.

Collette Gallagher
In-house Convener

Brain Health Scotland

For a long time the diseases that lead to dementia have been largely considered a concern only for later life. This has in part distracted from considering the health of the brain as important across the entire life-course.

This view is now shifting. Extensive research cohort studies have shown that while the symptoms of these conditions most commonly appear in later life, the underlying disease processes have preclinical stages which stretch back decades before symptoms start to show. There are of course some fixed factors that may put us at risk for disease which we have no control over. However there is now a growing evidence base and an increasing understanding that there are also many steps that can be taken, throughout life, to tackle modifiable risk factors to help protect brain health and so delay or prevent the onset of dementia.

In 2020 Scottish Government funded a new initiative, supported and hosted by Alzheimer Scotland, to lead on coordinating activity around a central aim of reducing the incidence of dementia in Scotland – Brain Health Scotland. Brain Health Scotland's strategic priorities align to the 'Prevent' strand of Alzheimer Scotland's overall mission to Prevent, Care and Cure for the diseases that lead to dementia.

Brain Health Scotland's activity is organised into two key programmes: Brain Health Engagement and Brain Health Services.

The latest evidence suggests that up to 40% of cases of dementia around the world could be prevented if we were able to eliminate certain modifiable risk factors. That's a similar number to the amount of cancer cases that are thought to be potentially preventable. We are however starting from a place where awareness of potential risk factors for dementia across the population is low. As demonstrated by the National Brain Health Survey 2020, which found that 1 in 4 people were unable to name a single action they could take to protect their brain health.

So step number one to achieving a brain-healthier Scotland is to increase levels of awareness of positive steps people can take - and can be supported to take. Education will play a major role in this, both for individuals and for those health and social care professionals in a position to support people at risk, in understanding exactly what those potential risk factors are and what can be done to reduce risk.

To help start these risk reduction conversations Brain Health Scotland launched a self-assessment quiz tool earlier this year. The quiz guides users through 6 key areas for brain health to generate a personalised 'My Brain Health Plan' with advice and signposting to relevant resources.

The 6 areas these resources cover to promote brain health are to:

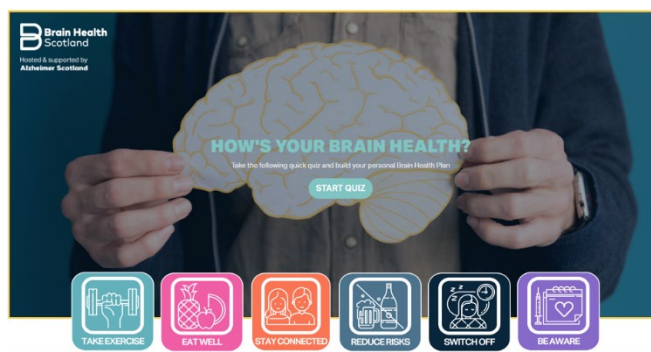
- 1) Take Exercise – physical activity and reducing sedentary behaviour.
- 2) Eat Well – nutrition to support a healthy brain
- 3) Stay Connected – social connection and continuing to challenge the brain throughout life
- 4) Reduce Risks – smoking cessation and cutting down alcohol
- 5) Switch Off – sleep routines and managing stress
- 6) Be Aware – managing existing medical conditions that can increase risk

Population-level, evidence-based preventative interventions are a promising development for the dementia field. These however must be rolled out in conjunction with an improved clinical offering. The Scottish Government has committed to establishing Brain Health Services across the NHS by 2025. These new services will

complement existing memory clinic structures and whereas memory clinics focus on diagnosis around the dementia phase of illness, brain health services will focus on risk profiling, early disease detection, and implementation of personalised prevention plans. The establishment of these services represents the first ever example of a national joined-up programme of clinical services that target the earlier stages of neurodegenerative disease. With promising developments for new disease-modifying pharmacological therapies seemingly just on the horizon, these clinical services will also provide the best place to drive forwards a new era of treatment options for individuals at risk of dementia.

There is a strong and growing momentum behind the brain health movement. With the number of publications in the medical literature referencing 'brain health' increasing by more than 10-fold in the past 10 years. Encouragingly this increased academic attention has spawned multiple global initiatives in the last couple of years alone, all aiming to increase public and professional awareness of lifelong brain health and risk reduction for dementia. So Brain Health Scotland is in good company internationally and well placed to share and learn from this global movement to develop services and support that can inspire, and empower, everyone to protect their brain health.

For more on the latest brain health initiatives across Scotland, visit www.brainhealth.scot.



The My Brain Health Plan self-assessment tool focuses on 6 areas of brain health. Available at www.brainhealth.scot/brainhealthplan

Neil Fullerton
Alzheimer Scotland

Useful Information

Mental Welfare Commission Publications

- **Introduction of an updated diagnostic classification system for mental health and intellectual disability services in Scotland – ICD-11, December 2022**
[MentalHealthAct MonitoringReport 2022.pdf \(mwscot.org.uk\)](#)
- **Young people monitoring report 2021-22: Admissions of young people under the age of 18 to non-specialist wards in Scotland 2021-22, December 2022**
[ChildrenYoungPeople MonitoringReport 2021-22.pdf \(mwscot.org.uk\)](#)

MHTS information

- **MHTS Annual report 2021-2022**
https://www.mhtscotland.gov.uk/mhts/Annual_Reports/Annual_Reports_main
- **MHTS Caselaw**
https://www.mhtscotland.gov.uk/mhts/Legislation_and_Caselaw/Legislation_and_Caselaw
- **MHTS Decisions** (This contains decisions which have been made by the MHTS)
https://www.mhtscotland.gov.uk/mhts/Legislation_and_Caselaw/Legislation_and_Caselaw - *click on this link and scroll to the bottom of the page to find the decisions table.*
- **MHTS Website - News**
<https://www.mhtscotland.gov.uk/mhts/News/News>

Other Information

- **Judicial Hub**
<https://www.judicialhub.com/login/index.php>

***Please note that links to Informative Publications are included for information only. Any views expressed in these publications are those of the author(s) and not those of the MHTS.**

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Douglas	Alex	07393783336	
Ferguson	Elaine	07917 898813	
Finlayson	Claudia	07423770707	
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Hussain	Hanaf	07919199538	
Kilpatrick	Hannah	07884 664658	
Krummins	Martin	07393799214	
Lithgow	Anne	07917 898823	
McLagan	Stuart	07584 158127	
Miller	Mandy	07385950477	
Mooney	Audrey	07876 884044	
Paterson	Chris	07715 463790	
Paterson	Ellen	07423 779977	
Richardson	Callum	07884 65908	
Shearer	Jennifer	07423 778698	
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Useful Contacts

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Newsletter Contributions

The Tribunal welcomes contributions to the Newsletter from all members.

Members who wish to contribute to the Newsletter should contact Jenna Swan at MHTSPresidentsOffice@scotcourtribunals.gov.uk

The following timescales will apply for contributions*:

January edition: contributions by the end of November

May edition: contributions by the end of March

September edition: contributions by the end of July

***Contributions may require to be edited**