

Sentencing Council

Sub-group meeting: 04 June 2015
Paper: Police Homicide Working Group
speaking opportunity
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1 ISSUE

- 1.1 The Sentencing Council has been invited by Andy Brennan (the secretary) via Philip Etheridge of South Yorkshire Police and Simon Brough to speak at the Homicide Working Group at an event in Leeds on 2nd July. The event will be attended by police regional Heads of Crime.
- 1.2 Depending on how the presentation is received, it has been indicated by the organisers (Philip Etheridge and Brian MacNeill, staff officer to Sir Jon Murphy) that this may lead to a slot at the annual Senior Investigating Officers' Conference in November and other potential opportunities in the future.
- 1.3 It is a positive step from the police to engage with the Council after the College of Policing turned down our request to include materials on sentencing in the Certificate of Knowledge in Policing curriculum.
- 1.4 This is an excellent opportunity for the Council to engage with one of the key target audiences identified by the sub group and create an appetite for more information on sentencing amongst the police.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 We have asked Julian Goose if he would be available to attend the event and give a 30 minute presentation on the Sentencing Council and its work.
- 2.2 Previous speeches and new material should be refined to create a compelling presentation for the target audience.

3 CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 The Homicide Working Group could be a tricky audience to connect with as much of their work is in areas not covered by sentencing guidelines. However, we do have material already prepared which was used in the leaflet for FLOs on how murder and manslaughter cases are sentenced – see attached.

Question: What topics will be of most interest for members of the Homicide Working Group and regional Heads of Crime?

- 3.2 The presentation needs to be as engaging as possible but easily translatable to a larger audience to demonstrate its suitability for inclusion at the Senior Investigating Officers' conference and other police groups.

Question: What format, approach and features (interactive or otherwise) will ensure that the presentation is as engaging as possible?

Question: What can be done to increase the likelihood of other police groups requesting presentations from the Sentencing Council?

4 RISKS AND MITIGATION

- 4.1 The speaker should be prepared for some hard or intense questioning on certain topics.

Question: What issues and questions are likely to be raised by this audience?

- 4.2 The presentation needs to be pitched in the right way to leave the audience feeling informed and engaged. They should have a better understanding of the remit and work of the Sentencing Council as well as how they can get involved.

5 RESOURCES

- 5.1 Previous presentations and speeches can be used to provide the basis of this presentation once the core features have been determined.
- 5.2 Anthony will draft the presentation which will be supported by PowerPoint slides.