

ACTION AND ACTIVITY LOG – as at 9 July 2015

	Topic	What	Who	Actions to date	Outcome
SENTENCING COUNCIL MEETING 30 JANUARY 2015					
1	Probation	John Crawforth proposed a presentation on changes to Probation for a future Council meeting	Claire Fielder	ACTION ONGOING – Claire is approaching Colin Allars, Director of Probation in NOMS, to speak to the Council at a future meeting.	Arranging for the autumn
2	PQBD's review of efficiency in criminal proceedings	Paper/s to March Council exploring options for implementing the review's recommendations where relevant to the Council.	Claire Fielder / Ruth Pope	ACTION ONGOING Longer term "out of scope" recommendations relating to structure of the criminal courts will be considered at a later date.	PARTIALLY CLOSED The Council agreed to revise the allocation guideline and the recommendations relating to the guilty plea guideline will be picked up in the consultation.
SENTENCING COUNCIL MEETING 6 MARCH 2015					
3	Assault	Council decided that the work to be taken forward should be a potential combination of a complete review, option 3, and a review plus guidance on child cruelty and/or domestic violence, option 4, depending on the resource involved and whether Government legislates on DV early in next Parliament.	Mandy Banks	ACTION ONGOING: MOJ have since confirmed that the recent legislation on child cruelty was not a new offence, but a clarification of existing offences.	ACTION ONGOING - Review in November.
SENTENCING COUNCIL MEETING 17 APRIL 2015					
4	Costs of sentencing	Council decided that a note should be produced, to be published on the A&R section of the Council's website, providing hyperlinks to relevant MoJ figures currently published on the costs of sentencing. A draft of the note should be taken to the A&R sub-group and then back to Council before publication.	Caroline Nauth-Misir	ACTION ONGOING: A draft of the note was presented at the A&R sub-group meeting on 10 June.	ACTION ONGOING: A revised draft of the note to be presented to the Council at July meeting.

SENTENCING COUNCIL MEETING 15 May 2015

5	Guilty Pleas	Consultation to be delayed. Officials are speaking to the CPS, MoJ and police regarding impact on other parts of the system. The costs model is to be run again using 2014 CCSS data and with the reduction at the second stage of proceedings at 20% and 25%. Discussions have been undertaken with MoJ on how best to resource this work and the support they will offer to the Council. Progress on work to date will be brought back to Council in July.	Ruth Pope/ Victoria Obudulu	ACTION ONGOING: An update on work to date to be presented at July Council meeting	
6	Guilty Pleas	MoJ analytical services to provide assistance with cost modelling. MoJ to liaise with Home Office and Attorney General's Office regarding an analysis of the wider implications of the proposed reforms to the CJS of which the guilty plea guideline is a part.	Stephen Muers	ACTION ONGOING: Stephen Muers will provide an update on this work at the July Council meeting	
7	Allocation	Key stakeholders to be consulted on the proposed allocation guideline by email. Council members will receive a draft of the consultation document by email for comments.	Ruth Pope/ Council members	ACTION CLOSED: Council members have now provided comments on the draft and the distribution list.	ACTION CLOSED: Consultation commenced 19 June will conclude 31 July. The results will be presented at the September Council meeting.
8	Robbery	Minor amendments to be made to Model B. Office to work on sentencing levels, and test those via a transcript exercise to ensure sentencing practice is unaffected by guideline.	Vicky Hunt		ACTION ONGOING: Make small adjustments to the sentencing levels, in particular the ranges. Bring back to the Council in September.

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9	Theft	Draft new wording to be included in the text regarding recent and relevant convictions re short custodial term (<i>Page</i>), for consideration at the next meeting. Prior to the next meeting circulate key cases via email to the Council to assist in the consideration of the handling and general theft sentence ranges.	Mandy Banks and all Council members		
10	Youth	To redraft the approach to determining the sentence (section four) considering a different approach to assessing seriousness. John Saunders to consider section on allocation in light of Tyneside decision and send comments to	Jo Keatley John Saunders		

		office/Bill Davis.			
11	Health & Safety	Harm model to be revised further to provide guidance as to how to conduct harm assessment.	Lisa Frost Michael Caplan	ACTION CLOSED: Model revised and final consideration to take place at meeting on 17 th July	
12	CCSS	The CCSS report to be updated before publication in accordance with comments from the Council. Communication regarding this final publication to be placed on the Council's website. Further breakdown by stage at which plea was indicated and reduction received to be produced for offenders who pleaded guilty prior to, or on, the PCMH to inform work on guilty plea guideline	Victoria Obudulu	ACTION ONGOING: The further analysis for guilty pleas to be produced and presented in July Council meeting.	ACTION CLOSED: Comments incorporated, report published and news item added on 25 June 2015.

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